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Magnetic characterization and variability study of the magnetic SPB star α Lup^{★,★★,★★★}

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ABSTRACT

Thanks to large dedicated surveys, large-scale magnetic fields have been detected for about 10 % of early-type stars. We aim to precisely characterize the large-scale magnetic field of the magnetic component of the wide binary α Lup, by using high-resolution ESPaDOnS and HARPSpol spectropolarimetry to analyse the variability of the measured longitudinal magnetic field. In addition, we investigate the periodic variability using space-based photometry collected with the BRITE-Constellation by means of iterative prewhitening. The rotational variability of the longitudinal magnetic field indicates a rotation period $P_{\text{rot}} = 2.95333(2)$ d and that the large-scale magnetic field is dipolar, but with a significant quadrupolar contribution. Strong differences in the strength of the measured magnetic field occur for various chemical elements as well as rotational modulation for Fe and Si absorption lines, suggesting a inhomogeneous surface distribution of chemical elements. Estimates of the geometry of the large-scale magnetic field indicate $i = 27 \pm 10^\circ$, $\beta = 74^{+7}_{-9}^\circ$, and a polar field strength of at least 5.25 kG. The BRITE photometry reveals the rotation frequency and several of its harmonics, as well as two gravity mode pulsation frequencies. The high-amplitude g-mode pulsation at $f = 1.1057 \text{ d}^{-1}$ dominates the line-profile variability of the majority of the spectroscopic absorption lines. We do not find direct observational evidence of the secondary in the spectroscopy. Therefore, we attribute the pulsations and the large-scale magnetic field to the B5IV primary of the α Lup system, but we discuss the implications should the secondary contribute to or cause the observed variability.

Key words. Stars: magnetic field - Stars: rotation - Stars: oscillations - Stars: early-type - Stars: individual: α Lup

1. Introduction

1.1. Magnetic and pulsating early-type stars

Large-scale magnetic fields are detected at the stellar surface of about 10 % of the studied early-type stars by measuring their Zeeman signature in high-resolution spectropolarimetry (e.g., MiMeS, Wade et al. (2016); the BOB campaign, Morel et al. (2015); and the BRITE spectropolarimetric survey, Neiner et al.

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(2016)). These large-scale magnetic fields appear to be stable over a time scale of decades, have a rather simple geometry (most often a magnetic dipole), and have a polar strength ranging from about 100 G to several tens of kG. Because the fields remain stable and their properties do not depend on any observed stellar parameters, we expect that these large-scale magnetic fields were produced during earlier stages of the star's life, relaxing into the observed configuration (e.g., Mestel 1999; Neiner et al. 2015). In addition, a dynamo magnetic field is likely to occur in the deep interior of early-type stars, produced by the convective motions of ionized matter in the convective core (Moss 1989). However, no direct evidence of such a magnetic dynamo has ever been observed at the stellar surface, nor is it expected, since the Ohmic diffusion time scale from the core to the surface is longer than the stellar lifetime.

The large-scale magnetic fields detected at the surface of early-type stars have implications on the properties of the circumstellar environment, the stellar surface, and the interior, altering the star's evolution:

- The ionized wind material follows the magnetic field lines, and can create (quasi-)stable structures in the circumstellar environment or magnetosphere. The precise properties of the magnetospheric material depend on the stellar and magnetic properties (e.g., ud-Doula & Owocki 2002; Townsend

& Owocki 2005). In general, magnetospheres are subdivided into centrifugal magnetospheres, where material remains trapped by the magnetic field and supported against gravity by rapid rotation, and dynamical magnetospheres. The latter has a region of enhanced density in the circumstellar environment that continuously accumulates new wind material and loses matter to accretion by the star.

- At the stellar surface, the large-scale magnetic field can affect the stratification and diffusion of certain chemical species at the surface, which can cause surface abundance inhomogeneities of certain chemical elements, and a peculiar global photospheric abundance composition. This would lead to rotational modulation of line profiles and photometric variability. Stars for which such peculiarities are observed are denoted by the Ap/Bp spectral classification.
- The structure and evolution of the deep stellar interior is anticipated to be altered by the large-scale magnetic field, due to the competition of the Lorentz force with the pressure force and gravity. This leads to a uniformly rotating radiative envelope (e.g., Ferraro 1937; Moss 1992; Spruit 1999; Mathis & Zahn 2005; Zahn 2011), altering the depth over which material overshoots the convective core boundary into the radiative layer (e.g., Press 1981; Browning et al. 2004). Currently, this effect has only been determined for two stars with a technique referred to as magneto-asteroseismology, which combines the analysis of the star's pulsations with that of its magnetic properties, and then performing forward seismic modelling. This was done for the magnetic β Cep pulsator V 2052 Oph (Neiner et al. 2012; Handler et al. 2012; Briquet et al. 2012) and the magnetic g-mode pulsator HD 43317 (Buysschaert et al. 2017a, 2018).

Whenever present, the properties of the stellar pulsations depend on the strength, geometry and orientation of the large-scale magnetic field (e.g., Biront et al. 1982; Gough & Taylor 1984; Dziembowski & Goode 1985; Gough & Thompson 1990; Goode & Thompson 1992; Shibahashi & Takata 1993; Takata & Shibahashi 1995; Dziembowski & Goode 1996; Bigot et al. 2000; Hasan et al. 2005; Mathis & de Brye 2011; Lecoanet et al. 2017). For stars with a spectral type from O9 to B2, β Cep-type pulsations are expected. These are low-order pressure modes with periods of the order of several hours. For slightly less massive stars (spectral types B2 to B9) Slowly Pulsating B-type (SPB) oscillations are predicted. These are low-degree, high-order gravity modes with a period of the order of a few days. Moreover, their pulsation modes show a regular pattern in the period domain. Both the β Cep and SPB pulsations are driven by the κ -mechanism, related to the temperature dependent opacity of iron-like elements. In addition gravito-inertial modes, which are excited by the motions of the convective core and have the Coriolis force and buoyancy as restoring forces, are anticipated for early-type stars with periods longer than the stellar rotation period (e.g., Mathis et al. 2014). Stellar pulsations remain the sole way to probe the interior of a single star, with the parameters of the pulsation modes dependent on the conditions inside the star.

Variability due to gravity waves (e.g., Press 1981; Rogers et al. 2013) was recently also found in photospheric and wind lines of the O9Iab star HD 188209 (Aerts et al. 2017), the B1Ia star HD 2905 (Simón-Díaz et al. 2018), and the B1Iab star ρ Leo (Aerts et al. 2018), as well as in the close binary V380 Cyg (Tkachenko et al. 2014). The presence of gravity waves seems to be a common property of hot massive stars that have evolved beyond half of the core-hydrogen burning stage, irrespective of binarity or a magnetic field.

1.2. *omicron* Lupi

o Lup (HD 130807, HR 5528, HIP 72683, B5IV, $V = 4.3$ mag) is an early-type star and a member of the Sco-Cen association, following its Hipparcos parallax (Rizzuto et al. 2011). This region is a site of recent massive star formation at a distance of 118 – 145 pc, with the exact value depending on the sub-group of the association. Isochrone fitting to the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram indicates that the star formation occurred some 5 – 20 Myr ago.

Using interferometry, Finsen (1951) detected a secondary component for *o* Lup, at an angular separation of 0.115 arcsec. The most recent interferometric measurement indicated that the components have an angular separation of 0.043 arcsec, with a contrast ratio of 0.28 ± 0.06 mag (Rizzuto et al. 2013). From the distance to the Sco-Cen association, the authors deduced that the components are 5.33 au apart with a mass ratio of 0.91. Moreover, the distance to the Sco-Cen association implies that the largest measured angular separation is above 17 au, such that the orbital period of the binary must be longer than 20 years (Alecian et al. 2011).

Within the scope of the MiMeS survey, HARPSpol observations were collected for *o* Lup. Alecian et al. (2011) concluded that *o* Lup hosts a large-scale magnetic field, with variability of the measured longitudinal magnetic field indicating a rotation period between one and six days. This agrees well with the small value of the projected rotation velocity, $v \sin i = 27 \pm 3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (determined by Głębocki & Gnaniński 2005). Moreover, Alecian et al. (2011) determined $T_{\text{eff}} = 18000 \text{ K}$ and $\log g = 4.25$ dex for *o* Lup from a comparison with synthetic spectra using TLUSTY non-local thermal equilibrium atmosphere models and the SYN-SPEC code (Lanz & Hubeny 2007; Hubeny & Lanz 2011). The authors also noted weaker He I lines and stronger Si II than expected from the solar abundances. Hence, the surface abundance of certain chemical elements seems to be peculiar. Lastly, Si, N, and Fe exhibited line-profile variations (LPVs) on a time scale of about one day. Alecian et al. (2011) proposed surface abundance inhomogeneities as the cause of these LPVs.

o Lup has recently been observed by the BRITE-Constellation of nano-satellites to monitor its photometric variability. This space-based photometry could aid in the determination of the rotation period of *o* Lup by observing the rotational modulation caused by surface abundance inhomogeneities due to the large-scale magnetic field. Moreover, it might permit us to determine the precise value and the physical process causing the variability with a period of about one day that was noted by Alecian et al. (2011) as LPVs. Additional ground-based, high-resolution, optical spectropolarimetric data were collected to characterize the magnetic field of *o* Lup more precisely.

We introduce the various observational data sets in Sect. 2, and indicate how these were prepared and corrected for instrumental effects when needed. In Sect. 3, we estimate the stellar parameters of *o* Lup by fitting synthetic spectra to the observations and we search for evidence of the secondary component in the spectroscopy. The periodic photometric variability is investigated in Sect. 4, while Sect. 5 covers the analysis of the large-scale magnetic field. The sub-exposures of the spectropolarimetric sequences are employed to detect and characterize the LPVs in Sect. 6. We end this work by discussing the obtained results in Sect. 7 and by drawing conclusions and providing a summary in Sect. 8.

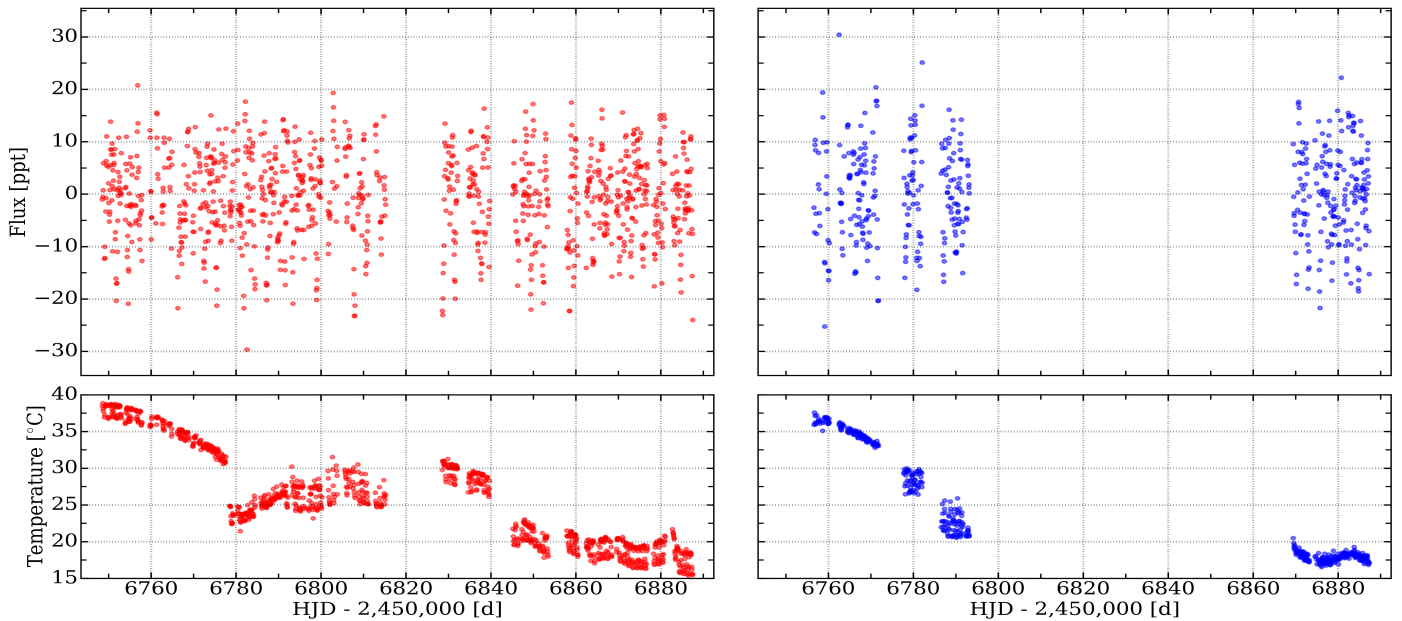


Fig. 1. *Top:* Satellite-orbit averaged and reduced BRITE light curves for *o* Lup, where the UBr photometry is indicated in red (*left*) and the BAb photometry in blue (*right*). Photometric variability is indicated in parts-per-thousand (ppt). *Bottom:* Corresponding satellite-orbit averaged temporal variability of the on-board CCD temperature, showing different and discontinuous behaviour.

2. Observations

2.1. BRITE photometry

o Lup was observed by three nano-satellites of the BRiGht Target Explorer (BRITE)-Constellation (Weiss et al. 2014) during the Centaurus I campaign. The BAb (BRITE Austria blue) nano-satellite monitored *o* Lup from 9 April 2014 until 18 August 2014, with a large time gap (of about 76 days) in the middle of the campaign, the UBr (UniBRITE red) nano-satellite performed continuous observations from 31 March 2014 until 27 August 2014, and the BTr (BRITE Toronto red) nano-satellite had a short campaign from 27 June 2014 until 3 July 2014. Light curves were constructed by the BRITE-team from the raw CCD images using circular apertures (Pablo et al. 2016; Popowicz et al. 2017). These raw light curves were corrected for the intrapixel sensitivity and additional metadata were added, such as aperture centroid position and on-board CCD temperature. We retrieved these publicly available Data Reduction version 2 (DR2) data from the BRITE data archive¹.

The extracted BRITE photometry was further corrected by accounting for known instrumental trends using our in-house tools (Buysschaert et al. 2017b, see its appendix for explicit details). Here, we provide a short summary of the applied procedure. As a first step, we converted the timing of the observations to mid-exposure times. Next, we subdivided the light curves according to the temporal variability of the on-board CCD temperature, T_{CCD} , because strong discontinuities and differences in its variability were noted (see bottom panels of Fig. 1). For each of these data subsets, we performed an outlier rejection using the aperture centroid positions x_c and y_c , the on-board temperature T_{CCD} , the observed flux, and the number of datapoints per nano-satellite orbit. Once all spurious data were removed, we recombined the datasets to convert the photometric variability to parts-per-thousand (ppt). The data were then again subdivided into the same subsets to correct for the fluctuating shape of the point-spread-function caused by the varying on-board tempera-

Table 1. Diagnostics related to the two BRITE light curves of *o* Lup.

		UBr	BAb
rms_{raw}	[ppt]	4.57	3.50
rms_{corr}	[ppt]	2.44	2.33
length	[d]	139.0	130.7
time gap	[d]	13.4	76.3
$D_{\text{sat,raw}}$	[%]	70.5	26.3
$D_{\text{sat,corr}}$	[%]	53.1	24.0
$D_{\text{orb,raw}}$	[%]	17.4	12.8
$D_{\text{orb,corr}}$	[%]	15.6	10.3
$N_{\text{orb,corr}}$		1058	450

Notes. For each light curve, we provide the rms scatter of the flux before and after correction, the length of the light curve, the length of the largest time gap, and the D_{sat} and D_{orb} duty cycles before and after correction. The number of successful satellite orbits with observations is indicated as well.

ture. The next correction step was a classical decorrelation between the corrected flux and the other metadata (including the nano-satellite orbital phase) whenever the correlation was sufficiently strong. This detrending procedure was performed for the complete UBr dataset and for the two BAb observing sub-campaigns (before and after the large time gap). We could not correct the BTr data, since the very short 6 days time span leads to uncertain instrumental correction. Thus, we did not use this BTr photometry in this work. Finally, we applied a local linear regression filter to the corrected BRITE photometry, detrending and suppressing any remaining (instrumental) trend with a period longer than ~ 10 days. The last part consisted of determining satellite-orbit averaged measurements.

The final corrected, detrended, and satellite-orbit averaged photometry is given in Fig. 1. To assess the quality of the reduced BRITE photometry, we also provide the values for some diagnostic parameters in Table 1. The first of these parameters is

¹ <https://brite.camk.edu.pl/pub/index.html>

the root mean square (rms) of the flux, given as

$$\text{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_i^N \frac{\sigma_i^2}{k_i}}, \quad (1)$$

where σ_i and k_i are the standard deviation of the flux and the number of observations within orbital passage i , respectively, and N is the total number of orbital passages for a given BRITe dataset. Also listed are the median duty cycle per satellite orbit D_{orb} and the fraction of successful satellite orbits D_{sat} . The former indicates the portion of the satellite orbit used for observations, while the latter parametrizes the amount of successful satellite orbits over the total time span of the light curve.

The two final BRITe light curves (UBr and BAbl) formed the basis of the photometric analysis of the periodic variability of σ Lup discussed in Sect. 4.

2.2. Spectropolarimetry

The HARPSpol polarimeter (Piskunov et al. 2011) was employed in combination with the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher (HARPS) spectrograph (Mayor et al. 2003) to measure the Zeeman signature indicating the presence of a large-scale magnetic field at the surface of σ Lup. This combined instrument is installed at the ESO 3.6-m telescope at La Silla Observatory (Chile) and covers the 3800–6900 Å wavelength region with an average spectral resolution of 110 000. Standard settings were used for the instrument, with bias, flat-field, and ThAr calibrations taken at the beginning and end of each night. In total, 36 spectropolarimetric sequences were obtained during three different observing runs, in May 2011, July 2012, and April 2016. The first two campaigns were part of the Magnetism In Massive Stars (MiMeS) survey (Wade et al. 2016), and the third observing run was performed for the BRITe spectropolarimetric survey (Neiner et al. 2016). Each spectropolarimetric sequence consists of four consecutive sub-exposures with a constant exposure time ranging between 207 s and 1000 s. An overview of the spectropolarimetric dataset is given in Table 2.

The HARPSpol data were reduced using the REDUCE package (Piskunov & Valenti 2002; Makaganiuk et al. 2011), and resulted in a circular spectropolarimetric observation for each sequence. A minor update to the package enabled us to extract individual spectra for each sub-exposure of the spectropolarimetric sequence. The spectropolarimetric observations were normalized to unity continuum using an interactive spline fitting procedure (Martin et al. 2018). This normalization method was performed per spectral order to achieve a smooth overlap between consecutive spectral orders. For the spectroscopy employed in this work, only the spectral orders of interest, taken from the spectropolarimetric sub-exposures, were normalized with the same interactive procedure.

σ Lup was also observed twice with the Echelle Spectropolarimetric Device for the Observation of Stars (ESPaDOnS, Donati et al. 2006) mounted at the Canada France Hawaii Telescope (CFHT) on Mauna Kea in Hawaii in April and June 2014 (PI: M. Shultz). These spectropolarimetric sequences comprise of four consecutive sub-exposures with an exposure time of 85 s. They span the 3700–10500 Å wavelength region with an average resolving power of 65 000. The data were reduced with the LIBRE-ESPRIT (Donati et al. 1997) and UPENA softwares available at CFHT. The resulting ESPaDOnS spectropolarimetric and spectroscopic observations were normalized to unity continuum in the same manner and using the same interactive tool as for the

HARPSpol data. Details for the ESPaDOnS spectropolarimetry are provided in Table 2.

3. Comparison with synthetic spectra

An accurate magnetometric analysis (Sect. 5) starts from the appropriate spectral line pattern (also referred to as the line mask), which is defined by the atmospheric characteristics of the star. To this aim, we used a grid of synthetic spectra to model the observed Balmer lines ($H\alpha$, $H\beta$, $H\gamma$, and $H\delta$) and selected helium and metal lines, deriving a value for the effective temperature, T_{eff} , and the surface gravity, $\log g$, of σ Lup. The selected lines included the He I 4471 Å line and the Mg II 4481 Å line, since their relative depths are good indicators for T_{eff} and $\log g$. The synthetic spectra produce a (good) first approximation of the stellar parameters, because the fainter secondary component and possible surface abundance inhomogeneities will lead to an uncertain chemical abundance analysis.

A model grid covering a range of T_{eff} spanning from 3500 K to 55000 K and $\log g$ from 0.00 dex to 5.00 dex² was calculated using ATLAS9 model atmospheres by Bohlin et al. (2017, retrieved from the Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes (MAST)) and Martin et al. (2017) assuming plane parallel geometry, local thermodynamic equilibrium, and an opacity distribution function for solar abundances (Kurucz 1993). Synthetic spectra were computed with COSSAM_SIMPLE (Martin et al. 2017).

We varied the T_{eff} and $\log g$ of the synthetic spectra, applying various values for the rotational broadening around the literature value of $v \sin i = 27 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, and allowing for a radial velocity (RV) offset to fit the ESPaDOnS spectra. This resulted in a best fit with $T_{\text{eff}} = 15000 \text{ K}$, $\log g = 3.8 \text{ dex}$, and $v \sin i = 35 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The wings of the Balmer lines are generally well described by the model, while the depths of the He I lines or several metal lines, such as those of Mg II, are overestimated. Peculiar surface abundances connected to the large-scale magnetic field can produce such a discrepancy since the grid relies on a solar composition for the synthetic data. We show the ESPaDOnS observations and the best synthetic model in Fig. 2, as well as the residuals to the fit.

However, σ Lup is a known interferometric binary system. The contrast ratio derived by Rizzuto et al. (2013) implies that about 40 % of the flux should originate from the secondary component. Moreover, the angular separation between the two components of σ Lup is sufficiently small that both fall within the fiber of modern spectrographs. However, the secondary has never firmly been detected in spectroscopy. Employing the ATLAS9 and COSSAM_SIMPLE synthetic spectra, we investigated whether a binary spectrum describes the observations better than a single star.

We varied T_{eff} for both components from 13000 K up to 18000 K and $\log g$ from 3.5 dex up to 4.5 dex, allowing various $v \sin i$ values, light fractions from 0 % up to 50 %, and relative RV offsets up to 50 km s^{-1} . The best fit occurs for $T_{\text{eff},1} = 17000 \text{ K}$, $T_{\text{eff},2} = 14000 \text{ K}$, $\log g_1 = 3.9 \text{ dex}$, $\log g_2 = 3.8 \text{ dex}$, $v \sin i_1 = 50 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, $v \sin i_2 = 25 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, $RV_1 = -5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, $RV_2 = +5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, and a light fraction of 50 %. This model is indicated in Fig. 2. While the description of the helium and metal lines improved, the fit to the Balmer lines did not necessarily improve. The binarity has a similar effect on the metal lines as a surface under-abundance, which is often observed for magnetic early-type stars. Moreover, the light fraction of the

² As T_{eff} increases, the range of the $\log g$ values covered reduces to values between 4.00 dex and 4.75 dex at 55000 K.

Table 2. Observing log of the spectropolarimetric sequences.

ID	HJD [d] -2450000	t_{exp} [s]	ϕ_{rot}	complete S/N	He excluded S/N	He I		Fe II S/N	Si II S/N	Balmer	
						S/N	Detect.			S/N	Detect.
H01	5704.72965	4×100	0.754961	5186	4154	567	DD	2879	920	137	DD
H02	5708.75948	4×300	0.119465	4868	3959	595	ND	2768	933	143	DD
H03	5709.73559	4×750	0.449976	4875	3984	562	DD	2809	914	138	DD
H04	5709.77216	4×750	0.462360	4798	3816	547	ND	2752	897	143	DD
H05	6123.56357	4×300	0.572476	5101	3794	548	DD	2664	826	154	DD
H06	6124.70439	4×300	0.958758	5094	3862	627	DD	2767	916	134	DD
H07	6125.45930	4×300	0.214371	5300	4055	626	ND	3067	1012	140	ND
H08	6125.57061	4×300	0.252060	5289	4059	562	ND	3173	1038	128	ND
H09	6126.56054	4×300	0.587252	5130	3798	617	DD	2753	858	128	DD
H10	6127.46812	4×300	0.894560	5350	4064	534	ND	2943	955	147	DD
H11	6129.59043	4×600	0.613176	5010	3809	609	DD	2682	837	157	DD
H12	6130.51806	4×600	0.927273	5350	3997	581	DD	2861	933	152	DD
E01	6758.06034	4×85	0.413611	3214	2736	408	DD	2234	714	60	DD
E02	6819.85180	4×85	0.336251	3335	2664	611	ND	2383	676	60	DD
H13	7481.61063	4×207	0.408343	5134	4163	584	DD	3100	965	141	DD
H14	7481.62175	4×207	0.412107	5092	4041	582	DD	3006	958	138	DD
H15	7481.63287	4×207	0.415871	5251	4079	582	DD	2988	961	139	DD
H16	7481.64398	4×207	0.419634	5212	4119	579	DD	3039	960	158	DD
H17	7481.65509	4×207	0.423396	5133	4050	576	DD	2989	940	156	DD
H18	7481.66620	4×207	0.427159	5150	4035	576	DD	2974	943	151	DD
H19	7481.67731	4×207	0.430921	5099	4010	574	DD	2908	929	150	DD
H20	7481.68842	4×207	0.434684	4914	3884	537	DD	2857	922	154	DD
H21	7481.82751	4×207	0.481777	4513	3573	508	ND	2488	804	156	DD
H22	7481.83862	4×207	0.485539	3772	3138	589	ND	2170	740	143	ND
H23	7482.65216	4×207	0.761005	4810	3734	577	DD	2666	897	139	DD
H24	7482.66327	4×207	0.764767	4603	3639	561	ND	2585	883	159	MD
H25 ^a	7482.67438	4×207	0.768530								
H26	7484.69562	4×207	0.452922	4728	3707	570	DD	2737	886	155	DD
H27	7484.70673	4×207	0.456684	4738	3748	564	ND	2772	890	160	DD
H28	7484.79338	4×207	0.486023	4727	3710	563	DD	2693	866	153	DD
H29	7484.80449	4×207	0.489786	4749	3726	546	DD	2677	867	137	DD
H30	7484.88788	4×207	0.518020	4720	3682	545	DD	2621	812	146	DD
H31	7484.89899	4×207	0.521782	4759	3704	604	DD	2627	808	156	DD
H32	7485.73598	4×207	0.805188	5107	4035	604	DD	2908	951	153	DD
H33	7485.74709	4×207	0.808952	5073	3971	601	DD	2912	957	159	DD
H34	7485.83035	4×207	0.837143	5101	3939	600	DD	2828	895	157	DD
H35	7485.84146	4×207	0.840905	5072	3939	367	DD	2830	909	161	DD

Notes. The first letter of the ID indicates whether the spectropolarimetric sequence was taken with HARPS (H) or ESPaDOnS (E). For each sequence, the mid-exposure HJD, the exposure time, and the rotation phase, ϕ_{rot} , are indicated. The latter was determined with $P_{\text{rot}} = 2.95333$ d and $T_0 = \text{HJD } 2455702.5$. The provided S/N is that of the LSD Stokes I profile calculated with various line masks. In addition, the magnetic detection status is provided (DD = Definite Detection, MD = Marginal Detection, and ND = Non Detection) in case not all observations resulted in a DD for the given LSD line mask. ^a This observation was discarded because the last two sub-exposures in the sequence did not contain any signal due to bad weather.

secondary is higher than determined from interferometry, i.e., the fitting algorithm tries to obtain a better description for the (weaker) metal lines. For these reasons, we rejected the more complex model, where both stars contributed equally to the spectroscopic observations, and accepted the simpler model where only one star is visible. Further, we argue that if both components do contribute, we cannot distinguish between them in the spectroscopy due to their similar spectral types, small RV shifts, and expected chemical peculiarities. This is in agreement with the results of Sect. 5.1, where we show that the Zeeman signature spans the full width of the average line profiles. Therefore, we adopt $T_{\text{eff}} = 15000$ K and $\log g = 3.8$ dex as the starting point for the magnetometric analysis.

Incorrect values for T_{eff} or $\log g$ do impact the analysis of the longitudinal magnetic field as an inappropriate set of lines will

be used in the determination of the average line profile in the magnetometric analysis. However, slight discrepancies between the adopted values and the real ones would only have a negligible impact, since the line depth in the line mask will be adjusted to the observations (see also Sect. 5.1).

4. Periodic photometric variability

Magnetic early-type stars often show periodic photometric variability due to co-rotating surface abundance inhomogeneities caused by the large-scale magnetic fields. Moreover, Alecian et al. (2011) discussed the possibility of stellar pulsations in *o* Lup, yet attributed the LPVs to surface abundance inhomogeneities. To determine the cause of the LPVs, we investigated the BRITE photometry for coherent periodic variability. We em-

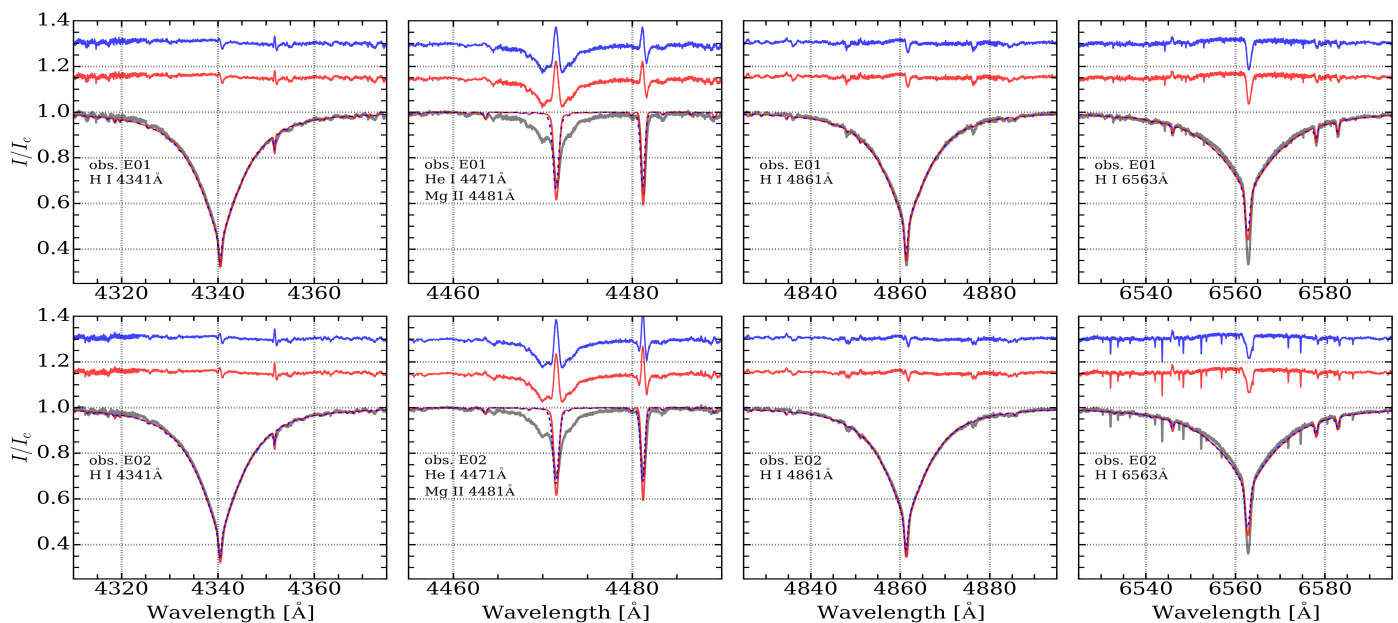


Fig. 2. Comparison between two ESPaDOnS spectra of *o* Lup, taken two months apart (shown in gray), and synthetic ATLAS9/COSMOS spectra. The red line is the synthetic spectrum for a single star with $T_{\text{eff}} = 15000$ K, $\log g = 3.8$ dex, and $v \sin i = 35$ km s $^{-1}$, and the blue line is the synthetic spectrum for a binary star with $T_{\text{eff},1} = 17000$ K, $T_{\text{eff},2} = 14000$ K, $\log g_1 = 3.9$ dex, $\log g_2 = 3.8$ dex, $v \sin i_1 = 50$ km s $^{-1}$, $v \sin i_2 = 25$ km s $^{-1}$, $RV_1 = -5$ km s $^{-1}$, $RV_2 = +5$ km s $^{-1}$, and a light fraction of 50 %. Residuals to the fit are indicated with the same color coding and a small offset for increased visibility. The *top* row corresponds to the observed spectrum E01 and the *bottom* row to E02 (see also Table 2).

ployed an iterative prewhitening approach to determine the frequencies of the periodic variability. Following the spectroscopic results of Sect. 3, we attributed all photometric variability in the BRITE data to the primary component. However, implications and ambiguity caused by the binary system of *o* Lup are further discussed in Sect. 7.

Iterative prewhitening is typically applied to recover and study the stellar pulsation mode frequencies of massive and early-type stars in both ground-based and space-based photometry (e.g. Degroote et al. 2009b). The method determines the most significant periodic variability, fits a (sinusoidal) model to the data with that frequency, calculates the residuals to the model, and iteratively continues this scheme to the residuals until no significant periodic variability remains. Adopting this approach, we searched for the significant frequencies in ten times oversampled Lomb-Scargle periodograms (Lomb 1976; Scargle 1982) of the BRITE photometry within the 0–8 d $^{-1}$ frequency range. No variability was expected at higher frequencies. The significance of frequency peaks was calculated using the signal-to-noise (S/N) criterion (Breger et al. 1993) with a frequency window of 1 d $^{-1}$ centered at the frequency of the variability and this after its extraction. Frequency peaks were considered significant if their S/N reached the threshold value of four. The periodograms for each BRITE light curve are shown in Fig. 3.

This method resulted in six significant frequencies for the UBr photometry and three frequencies for the BAb photometry, in the frequency domain of 0–1.5 d $^{-1}$. We report these in Table 3, together with their respective uncertainties. It was expected that the analysis of the BAb would result in less clear periodic variability, represented by the smaller amount of significant frequencies, due to the large time gap, which complicated the analysis. We note that f_2 is the second frequency harmonic of f_1 and f_5 is the third harmonic of f_1 , making it very likely that these three frequencies are related to the rotational modulation of the magnetic component. (We confirm this hypothesis in Sect. 5.) Moreover, f_4 is very close to 1.0 d $^{-1}$, which is a known instru-

mental frequency for the BRITE photometry, related to the periodic on-board temperature variability (e.g., Fig. A.4 of Buysschaert et al. 2017b). No significant amplitude changes were retrieved during the length of the BRITE light curves.

Periodic variability with the same frequency in both the UBr and BAb photometry had comparable amplitudes (see Table 3). The frequencies f_3 and f_6 are likely due to a g-mode pulsations. In this case, the slightly higher amplitude for f_3 in the blue filter was expected. Yet, without additional and simultaneous time resolved photometry employing different bandpass filters, performing mode identification of the stellar pulsations with the amplitude ratio method was impossible (see e.g., Handler et al. 2017, where this method was successfully applied for a pulsating early-type star with BRITE and ground-based photometry). As the retrieved variability had similar amplitudes, we ignored the colour information of the individual BRITE light curves and combined these into one light curve. This was done once without any weighting methods and once with a simple weighting method (using the rms_{corr} values) to account for differences in data quality, but overall no simple weighting method is available for BRITE photometry (see also Handler 2003, for more general information on possible weighting methods). Subsequent iterative prewhitening did not result in any new significant periodic variability compared to what was already obtained from the UBr data.

Once all significant periodic photometric variability was subtracted from the UBr photometry, the frequency diagram of the residuals seems to be nearly constant with amplitudes well below 1 ppt (see Fig. 3). No obvious variability remained in the residual light curves in the time domain. Moreover, the noise level in the periodogram of the residual BAb photometry was considerably higher than that of the UBr residuals, because it has less data points.

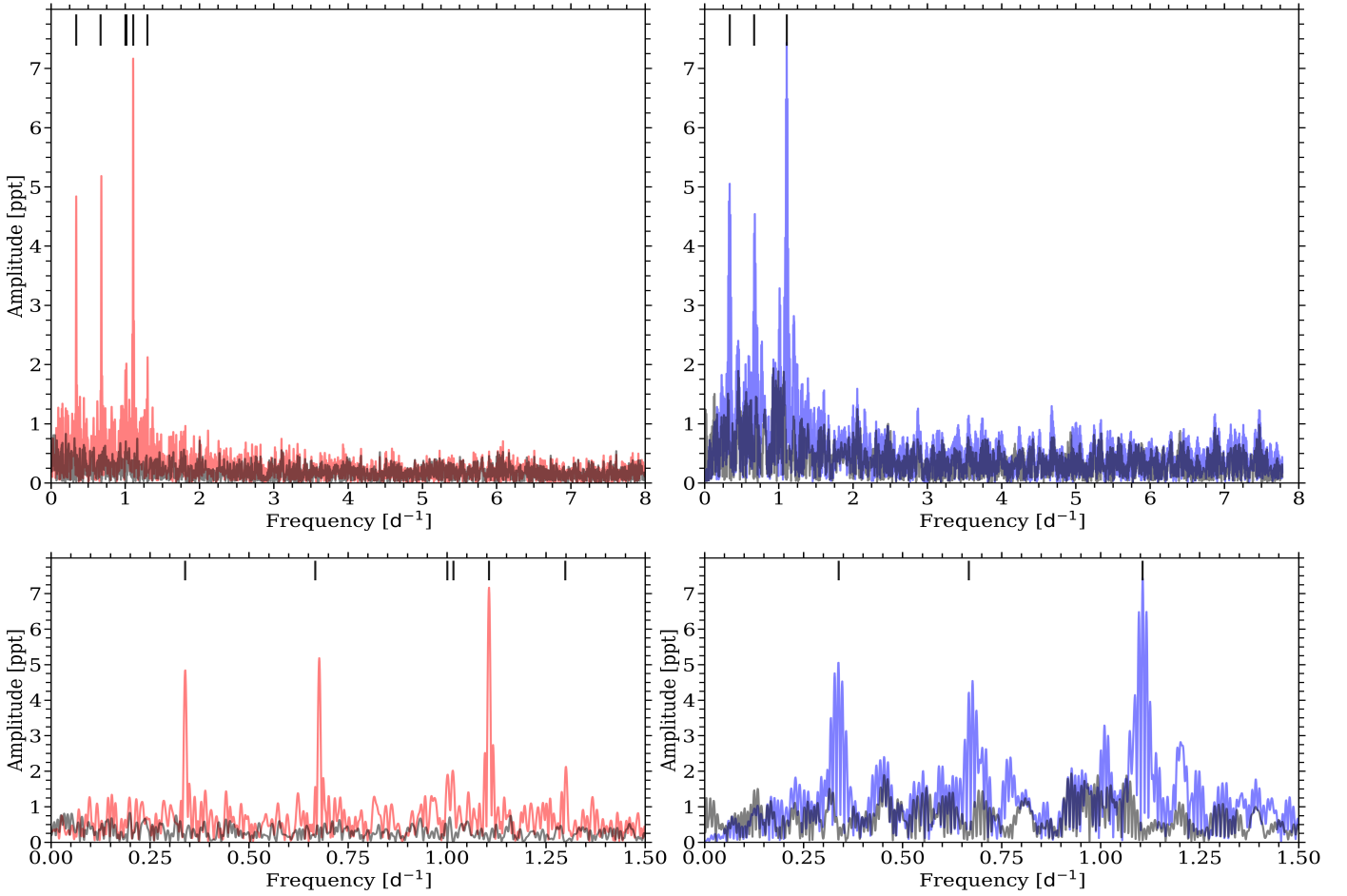


Fig. 3. Lomb-Scargle periodograms showing the periodic variability for the UBr (*left*) and BAb (*right*) light curves. *Top:* Periodograms covering the full investigated frequency domain. The periodograms of the light curve are given in red (UBr; *left*) and blue (BAb; *right*), while the variability of the residuals after the iterative prewhitening is given in black. *Bottom:* Periodograms covering the frequency domain where significant periodic variability is recovered. The amplitude of the periodic variability is given in parts-per-thousand (ppt). The frequencies of the extracted variability is given by the small black ticks in the top part of each panel.

Table 3. Significant periodic photometric variability seen in the UBr and BAb BRITE photometry of *o* Lup.

ID	Origin	UBr				BAb			
		f (d^{-1})	δf (10^{-4} d^{-1})	A ($\pm 0.17 \text{ ppt}$)	S/N	f (d^{-1})	δf (10^{-4} d^{-1})	A ($\pm 0.35 \text{ ppt}$)	S/N
f_1	f_{rot}	0.33869	1.5	4.63	9.6	0.33792	2.9	5.02	4.7
f_2	$2f_{\text{rot}}$	0.67706	1.3	5.03	8.5	0.67687	3.2	4.62	5.0
f_3	g mode	1.10572	0.9	7.14	10.0	1.10611	1.9	7.65	5.8
f_4	f_{inst}	1.00078	3.5	1.91	5.9				
f_5	$3f_{\text{rot}}$	1.01586	5.2	1.29	4.5				
f_6	g mode	1.29852	4.8	1.40	4.8				

Notes. We indicate the frequency and corresponding amplitude, A , together with their respective uncertainties, as well as the S/N of the detection in the Lomb-Scargle periodogram during the iterative prewhitening procedure. The frequency and amplitude uncertainties are determined from Montgomery & O’Donoghue (1999), under the assumption of white noise and uncorrelated data. These conditions are not always fulfilled and result in a typical underestimation of the frequency error by a factor 10 (e.g., Degroote et al. 2009a). We also indicate the proposed origin of the observed periodic photometric variability and remark that a more precise value for the rotation period was obtained through the magnetometric analysis in Sect. 5.

5. Magnetic measurements

5.1. Zeeman signatures

To reliably detect the Zeeman signature of a stable large-scale magnetic field at the surface of an early-type star, mean line profiles are constructed from each high-resolution spectro-

larimetric observation to boost the S/N of the signature in the Stokes V polarization. We employed the Least-Squares Deconvolution (LSD) technique (Donati et al. 1997) to create these mean line profiles. We started from a pre-computed VALD3 line mask (Ryabchikova et al. 2015) with $T_{\text{eff}} = 15000 \text{ K}$ and $\log g = 4.0 \text{ dex}$, which is the closest match to our results $T_{\text{eff}} = 15000 \text{ K}$

and $\log g = 3.8$ dex from the simpler model describing the spectroscopic observations (see Sect. 3 for a discussion between both used models). We removed from the line mask all hydrogen lines and all helium and metal lines that were blended with hydrogen lines, telluric features, and known diffuse interstellar bands to ensure we only included absorption lines with similar line profiles (the only exception being the He I lines where pressure broadening through the Stark effect is still significant). All metal lines with a depth smaller than 0.01 were also discarded. Lastly, the depths of the lines included in the line mask were adjusted to correspond to the observations (a technique sometimes referred to as "tweaking the line mask", see e.g., Grunhut et al. 2017). This resulted in a final line mask with 893 lines included, each with their respective wavelength, line depth, and Landé factor. An additional line mask (and corresponding LSD profiles) without (blends with) He I lines was also constructed and included 821 metal lines. We show these mean line profiles in Fig. 4 for both line masks. The Zeeman signature in the LSD Stokes V profile clearly varies between the various observations. Moreover, the LSD Stokes I profile exhibits clear LPVs, possibly due to the rotational modulation caused by surface abundance inhomogeneities or the stellar pulsation. Fortunately, the diagnostic null profiles (i.e., deconstructively added polarization signal within the sequence, Donati et al. 1997) suggest that no significant instrumental effects or LPVs have occurred during the spectropolarimetric sequence, as they are flat.

To determine whether an LSD Stokes V spectrum contained a Zeeman signature, we determined the False Alarm Probability (FAP; Donati et al. 1992, 1997) for each LSD profile. Definitive detections (DD) show a clear signature and correspond to a $\text{FAP} < 10^{-3} \%$, while non-detections (ND) have a $\text{FAP} > 10^{-1} \%$. Marginal detections (MD) fall in between DDs and NDs, with $10^{-3} \% < \text{FAP} < 10^{-1} \%$. Based on these criteria, all LSD profiles indicated a DD, irrespective whether the complete line mask or the He-excluded line mask was used. Thus, a large-scale magnetic field is clearly detected in the high-resolution spectropolarimetry.

Figure 4 further indicates that the Zeeman signature in LSD Stokes V spans the full width of the LSD Stokes I profile, demonstrating that this full width corresponds to the magnetic component. No additional spectroscopic component is identified in the LSD Stokes I profiles. Since the interferometric results of Rizzuto et al. (2013) indicated that *o* Lup is a binary system with a comparable light fraction, both components must have a similar spectral type and have small RV shifts. This, together with the presence of LPVs, makes it impossible to discern which component hosts the detected large-scale magnetic field. These results are in agreement with those from the spectroscopic analysis of Sect. 3. As such, we will likely underestimate the true strength of the magnetic field through an overestimated depth of the Stokes I profile in Eq. (2).

5.2. Longitudinal field measurements

Since the large-scale magnetic fields of early-type stars are expected to be stable over long time scales and inclined with respect to the rotation axis, the measured longitudinal magnetic field should exhibit rotational modulation (depending on the relative orientation to the observer). This rotational modulation can be used to accurately determine the rotation period of the magnetic component of *o* Lup.

The longitudinal magnetic field (in Gauss, see Rees & Semel 1979) is measured as

$$B_l = -2.14 \cdot 10^{11} \frac{\int v V(v) dv}{\lambda g c \int [1 - I(v)] dv}, \quad (2)$$

where $V(v)$ and $I(v)$ are the LSD Stokes V and I profiles for a given velocity v . The parameters g , the mean Landé factor, and λ , the mean wavelength (in nm) come from the LSD method. The speed of light is given by c (in km s^{-1}). We provide g and λ for the various line masks in Table 4 and the determined values for B_l in Table A.1. The integration limits to determine the B_l should cover the full LSD Stokes I profile, and thus, also the full Zeeman signature. Following the plateau method (e.g., Fig. 3 of Neiner et al. 2012), where we investigated the dependency of B_l and $\sigma(B_l)$ with the integration limit for a near magnetic pole-on observation, we determined an integration range of $\pm 65 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $\pm 60 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ around the line centroid to be the most appropriate for the complete and the He-excluded LSD profiles, respectively. These values were considerably larger than the literature $v \sin i = 27 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for *o* Lup, which did not capture the complete width of the absorption profile or the Zeeman signature due to the application of the LSD technique.

When the large-scale magnetic field has a pure dipolar geometry, the rotational modulation of the measured longitudinal magnetic field can be characterized by a sine model:

$$B_l(t) = B_0 + B_1 \sin(2\pi(f_{\text{rot}}t + \phi_1)), \quad (3)$$

where B_1 and ϕ_1 are the amplitude and phase of the sine, B_0 the constant offset, and f_{rot} the rotation frequency. However, when the large-scale magnetic field has a dipolar component with a non-negligible quadrupolar contribution, the longitudinal magnetic field modulation is given by a second-order sine model:

$$B_l(t) = B_0 + B_1 \sin(2\pi(f_{\text{rot}}t + \phi_1)) + B_2 \sin(2\pi(2f_{\text{rot}}t + \phi_2)). \quad (4)$$

Again, B_i and ϕ_i are the amplitude and phase of the individual sine terms. We fitted both models to the longitudinal magnetic field measurements of the He-excluded LSD profiles using a Bayesian Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method (using EMCEE; Foreman-Mackey et al. 2013) to determine the rotation period. We adopted the log-likelihood function for a weighted normal distribution:

$$\mathcal{L}(\Theta) = -\frac{1}{2} N \ln(2\pi) - N \sum_{i=1}^N \ln(\sigma(B_l(t_i))) - \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{(B_l(t_i) - \mathcal{M}(\Theta; t_i))^2}{2\sigma(B_l(t_i))^2} \right), \quad (5)$$

with \ln the natural logarithm, $\mathcal{M}(\Theta; t_i)$ the model of Eq. (3) or Eq. (4) for a given parameter vector Θ at timestep t_i . The measured longitudinal magnetic field at t_i is given by $B_l(t_i)$, its respective error by $\sigma(B_l(t_i))$, and N is the number of observations. We constructed uniform priors in the appropriate parameter spaces for each free parameter describing the models of Eq. (3) and Eq. (4). For the rotation frequency, this was around f_l from the BRITE photometry with a range set by the Rayleigh frequency criterion employing the time length of the spectropolarimetric dataset ($f_{\text{res}} = 0.0006 \text{ d}^{-1}$). Calculations were started at random points within the uniform parameter space employing 128 parameter chains and continued until stable frequency solutions were reached.

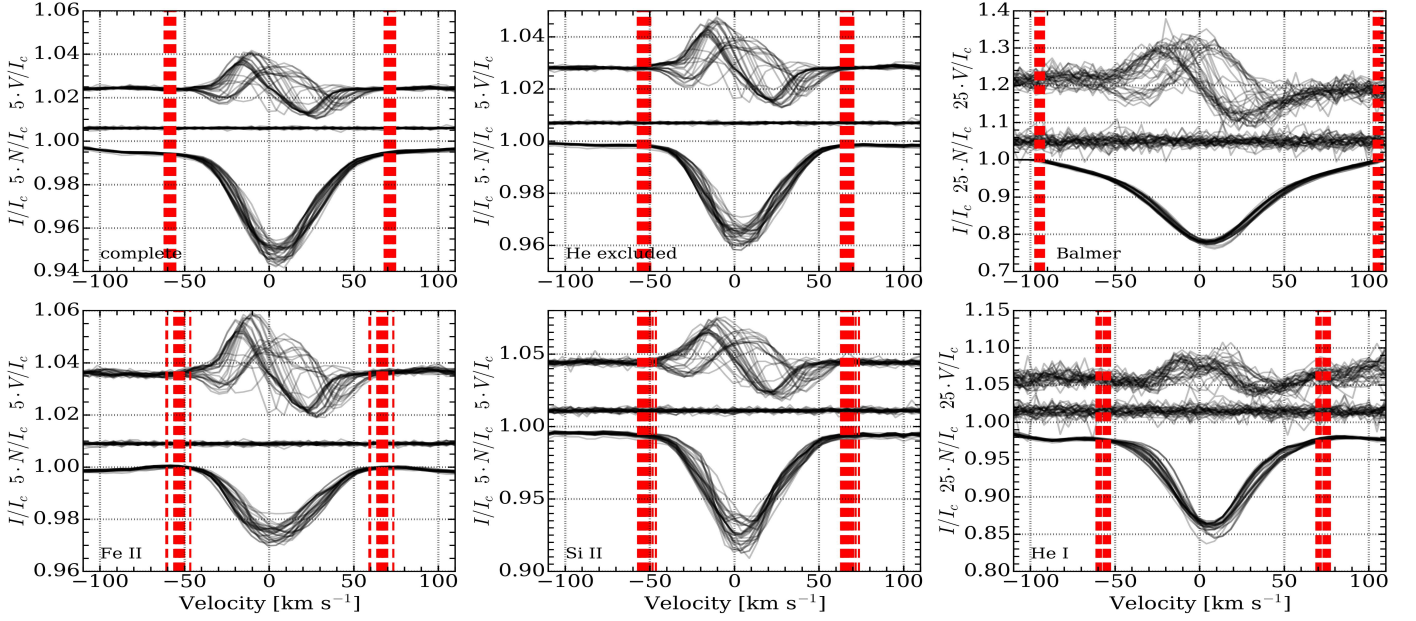


Fig. 4. Overplotted mean line profiles constructed with the LSD method using various line masks. Each panel shows (from top to bottom) the LSD Stokes V profile, the diagnostic null profile, and the LSD Stokes I profile for the observations, that are off-set for increased visibility. Differences in the line depth of the LSD Stokes I profile, the strength and shape of the Zeeman signature in the LSD Stokes V profile, and the shape of the LPVs in the LSD Stokes I profile are clearly visible. We indicate the integration limits for the computation of the longitudinal magnetic field and the FAP determination by the red dashed lines for each observation. For the Balmer lines, only the cores of the LSD Stokes I profiles were used and shifted upwards to unity, following the technique of Landstreet et al. (2015, see text).

Table 4. Parameters related to the study of the longitudinal field measurements from various LSD line masks.

Parameter	Complete	He excluded	Balmer	Fe II	Si II	He I
g	1.1906	1.1877	1.5000	1.1939	1.1446	1.2474
λ [nm]	505.99	508.79	486.13	516.79	508.46	478.18
$\langle EW \rangle$ [km s ⁻¹]	2.96 ± 0.10	1.83 ± 0.11		1.34 ± 0.10	3.41 ± 0.30	8.74 ± 0.21
int. range [km s ⁻¹]	± 65	± 60	± 100	± 60	± 60	± 65
B_0 [G]	344 ± 6	821 ± 11	531 ± 32	1679 ± 31	724 ± 22	27 ± 9
B_1 [G]	568 ± 9	1340 ± 15	913 ± 45	2905 ± 43	1053 ± 30	82 ± 14
B_2 [G]	61 ± 8	168 ± 13	64 ± 46	383 ± 37	57 ± 29	1 ± 12
ϕ_1	0.719 ± 0.002	0.722 ± 0.002	0.741 ± 0.007	0.722 ± 0.002	0.735 ± 0.004	0.676 ± 0.022
ϕ_2	0.46 ± 0.02	0.45 ± 0.01	0.77 ± 0.10	0.43 ± 0.01	0.36 ± 0.08	0.70 ± 0.14

Notes. We provide the mean Landé factor g and the mean wavelength λ from the LSD calculation, as well as the resulting mean equivalent width (EW) of the LSD Stokes I profiles. The integration range around the line centroid for the calculation of the longitudinal magnetic field (see Eq. (2)) and determination of the FAP is given, as well as the resulting parameters of the dipole with a quadrupole contribution model (i.e., Eq. (4)) fitted to the measured longitudinal field. The detection status following the computed FAP value for a specific observation and LSD line mask is provided in Table 2, when not all observations had a definite detection for that specific line mask.

The posterior probability distribution function (PDF; see Fig. 5) of the rotation frequency of Eq. (4) showed a maximum at $f_{\text{rot}} = 0.338601(2) \text{ d}^{-1}$, corresponding to a rotation period of $P_{\text{rot}} = 2.95333(2) \text{ d}$. Also the PDF for the amplitudes B_1 and B_2 , and the offset B_0 show a normal distribution centered at a non-zero value. The distributions for the phases ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are nearly uniform, which is expected as f_{rot} was a free parameter during this process and each value of f_{rot} from the PDF creates a normal distribution for the phase ϕ_i . The superposition of these normal distributions for ϕ_i creates the obtained nearly uniform distribution. We indicate the recovered PDFs for the fitting parameters in Fig. 5 and list the deduced values for B_0 , B_1 , and B_2 , with their respective uncertainties, in Table 4. The fit to the B_i values computed from the He excluded LSD profile resulted in a non-zero value for B_2 , indicating that the second-order term of the model is needed, hence the quadrupolar component of the large-scale

magnetic field is significant. This was further supported by the information criteria during the fitting process and model selection. Once a value for each fitted parameter was obtained, we defined an initial epoch T_0 around the first observations (i.e., H01), to place the maximum of the (sine-model) at a rotation phase of 0.5.

Assuming that both components of *o* Lup contribute to the spectropolarimetric data and that their rotation periods are significantly shorter than the length of the spectropolarimetric time series, we assert that only one component hosts a strong large-scale magnetic field. Indeed, there is a lack of variability in the measured longitudinal magnetic field other than with a period P_{rot} . A second magnetic component would severely distort the rotational modulation indicated in Fig. 6. Only a binary system with synchronized rotation periods could reproduce this variabil-

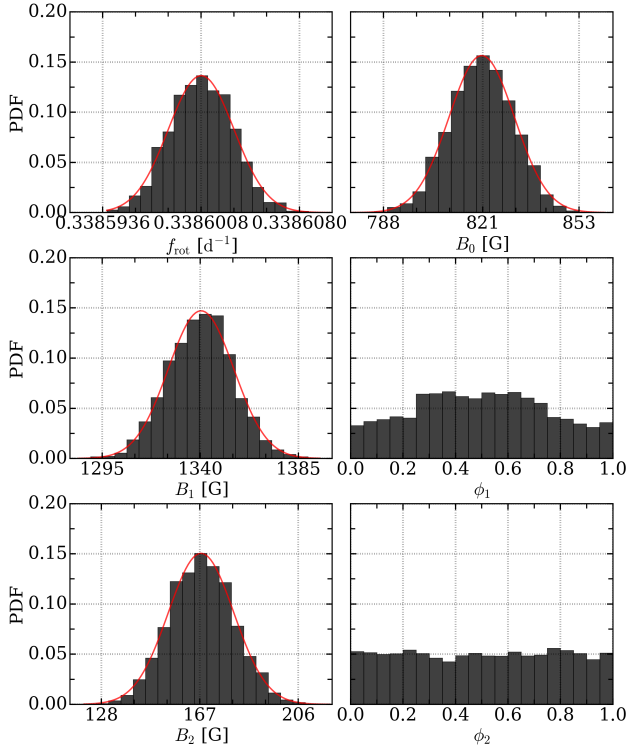


Fig. 5. Results of the MCMC analysis on the measured longitudinal magnetic field of the He-excluded LSD profiles using the model of Eq. (4). The posterior probability distributions (PDF) are indicated for each fitted parameter. When these had a normal distribution, we represent it with the Gaussian description marked in red.

ity, which is highly unlikely for the *o* Lup binary system given its $P_{\text{orb}} > 20$ years.

We included the BRITE light curves, phase folded with P_{rot} and the periodic variability not caused by the rotation removed, in Fig. 6 to compare the photometric rotational modulation with that of the longitudinal magnetic field. The peak brightness in the folded BRITE light curves occurs close to the phase where we observed the magnetic poles (at rotation phases 0.0 and 0.5), suggesting that the brighter surface abundance inhomogeneities are located close to the magnetic poles. The remaining photometric variability depends on the inclination angle i , the obliquity angle β , and the relative positions and sizes of the abundance inhomogeneities at the stellar surface, which requires tomographic imaging and/or spot modelling and is beyond reach of the current data.

5.3. Single-element longitudinal field measurements

While adjusting the line depths of the metal lines used in the LSD line masks, we noted that the Zeeman signature shows different strengths for different chemical species. Therefore, we constructed three different line masks containing only 19 He I, 264 Fe II, or 61 Si II metal lines. Special care was taken to exclude any line blends with metal lines that had a stronger or similar line depth than the considered chemical element. The corresponding mean Landé factors and mean wavelengths are given in Table 4, and the LSD profiles themselves are given in Fig. 4. Similar to the LSD profiles constructed with the complete line mask, we obtained DDs for all LSD profiles constructed with either Si II or Fe II lines. For the He I LSD profiles, however, we obtained ten NDs, and 26 DDs, most likely caused by the lower S/N, as fewer

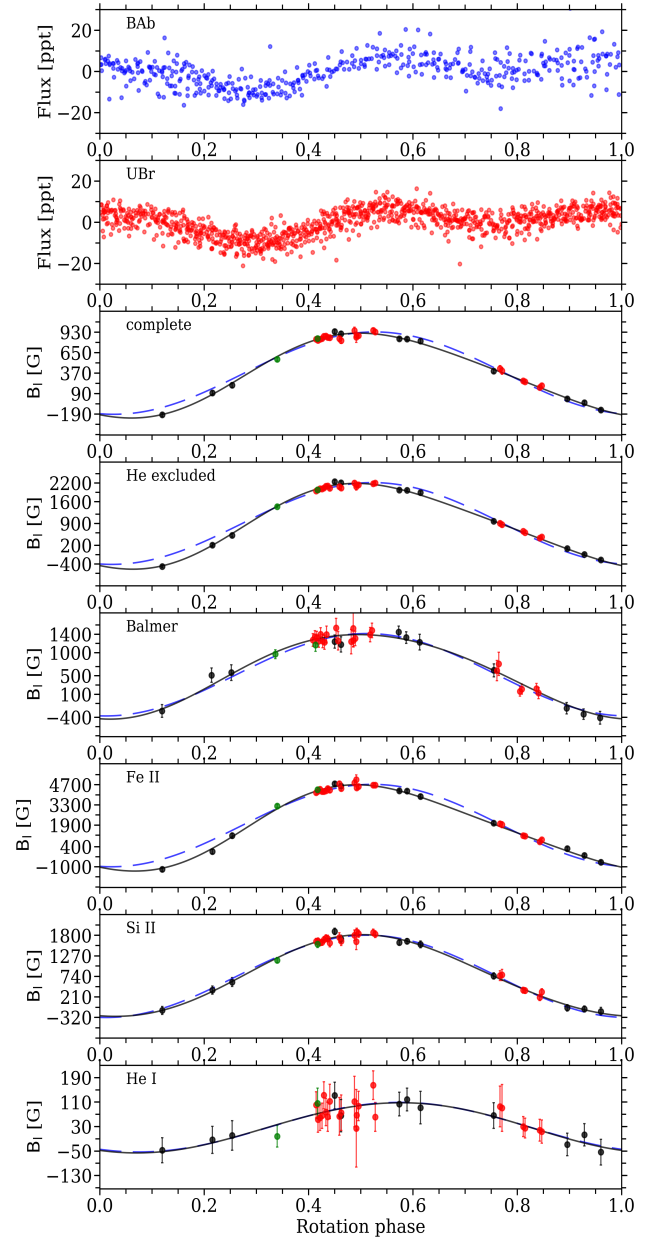


Fig. 6. Phase folded BRITE light curves (after subtracting the non-rotational variability); *upper two panels*) and longitudinal magnetic field measurements from LSD profiles with various line masks, using a $P_{\text{rot}} = 2.95333$ d and $T_0 = \text{HJD } 2455702.5$, and indicated by the observing campaign (black for MiMeS, red for BRITEpol, and green for ESPaDOnS). The pure dipole model for the geometry of the large-scale magnetic field of Eq. (3) is indicated by the dashed blue line and the dipole with a quadrupole contribution of Eq. (4) is indicated by the solid black line. Note the differences in strength of the measured B_l values for the various LSD line masks.

lines were included in constructing the mean line profile. Indeed, the S/N in the LSD Stokes V and Stokes I profiles of the He I line mask was typically three times lower than that of the Fe II LSD profiles (see Table 2). Again, we noted strong LPVs for the LSD Stokes I profiles of all single-element LSD line masks, while the diagnostic null profiles indicated that no LPVs or instrumental effects have occurred during the spectropolarimetric sequence. We study these LPVs in more detail in Sect. 6.

We used the single-element LSD line masks to measure the longitudinal magnetic field associated with the large-scale mag-

netic field. Again, we employed the plateau method to determine the integration range for the computations. This resulted in an integration limit of 65 km s^{-1} , 60 km s^{-1} , and 60 km s^{-1} around the line centroid for the He I, Fe II, and Si II line masks, respectively. Keeping the rotation frequency fixed to the previously derived value, we performed a Bayesian MCMC fit to model the rotational modulation of the measured longitudinal magnetic field. These models and the measured values are shown in Fig. 6.

The rotational modulation of the measured B_l values from the LSD profiles constructed with only Fe II lines favored the model of a dipolar magnetic field with a quadrupolar contribution. This is in agreement with the results for the complete LSD line masks derived in Sect. 5.2. For the analysis of the measured longitudinal magnetic field of *o* Lup with only Si II lines, we obtained a less clear distinction between both models for the rotational modulation of the measured B_l values. Both models agree with the measurements, within the derived uncertainties on the B_l values. Yet, the fit with the model of dipolar magnetic field and a quadrupolar component was preferred from the information criteria. Lastly, the B_l values measured from the He I LSD line mask were much smaller. This caused the rotational modulation of the measured B_l values to be minimal, leading to a comparable description by both models. Since the deduced errorbars on the measured B_l values for the He I remained comparable to those derived from the other LSD line masks, it seemed likely that the noted differences are (astro)physical. Surface abundance inhomogeneities structured to the geometry of the large-scale magnetic field at the stellar surface could be an explanation. Elements that are concentrated at the magnetic poles will lead to larger B_l values, while elements located close to the magnetic equator will result in smaller B_l values. Such features should be noted during tomographic analyses (i.e., Zeeman Doppler Imaging; ZDI), but require a spectropolarimetric dataset which is more evenly sampled over the rotation period than the current observations.

Finally, we tried to model the Zeeman signature of the large-scale magnetic field, seen in the LSD Stokes V profile, using a grid-based approach (see e.g., Alecian et al. 2008, for further details). However, we were not able to accurately model the changing Zeeman profile with varying rotation phase. This was likely caused by the insufficient sampling of the rotation phase at key phases.

5.4. Balmer lines longitudinal field measurements

The magnetometric analysis of single-element LSD profiles exhibited a strong scatter in the strength of the measured B_l values, suggesting surface abundance inhomogeneities for certain chemical elements (e.g., He, Si, and Fe). To measure the rotational modulation of the longitudinal magnetic field for an element that should be homogeneously distributed over the stellar surface we analyzed hydrogen lines. The wavelength regions around the Balmer lines in the spectropolarimetric observations were normalized with additional care, employing only linear polynomials, so as not to influence the depth of the line core or the broad wings.

We constructed a mean line profile for the Balmer lines, including H α , H β , and H γ in the LSD line mask. Three of these profiles indicated a ND and one a MD of a Zeeman signature in the observations, most likely due to the lower S/N in the Stokes V profiles for these observations. We then followed the method of Landstreet et al. (2015) to measure the B_l values. This method uses only the core of the line and ignores the broad wings. Moreover, to scale the measurements more in line with those from the

metal lines, the (LSD) Stokes I profile was not integrated from unity, but instead from the intensity level, I_c , where the core transitions into the wings. As the Zeeman signature in the LSD Stokes V profile is slightly wider than the core of the Stokes I profile, we employed this width to set the integration range to 100 km s^{-1} around the Stokes I line centroid. We present these LSD profiles in Fig. 4, where the indicated Stokes I profile is shifted upwards to place I_c at unity. While fixing the rotation frequency, we performed a Bayesian MCMC fit to determine the fitting parameters for the description of the rotational modulation of the measured B_l values. The fit of both models to the measured B_l values is given in Fig. 6, with the parameters in Table 4.

The rotational modulation of the measured longitudinal magnetic field from the Balmer lines was more accurately represented by the model for a dipolar magnetic field and a quadrupolar component. This result agreed with those of the other LSD profiles. Yet, the discrepancies between this model and that of a dipolar magnetic field were small at most of the rotation phases, due to large uncertainties in B_l , caused by the low S/N in the LSD Stokes V profiles.

6. Line profile analysis

Pulsating early-type stars and magnetic early-type stars are both known to exhibit LPVs. Alecian et al. (2011) already noted such behaviour for *o* Lup. Therefore, we investigated the zeroth and first moment of selected absorption lines for periodic variability employing the software package FAMIAS (Zima 2008). The analysis of six absorption lines, using the sub-exposures of the spectropolarimetric sequences, is presented in Sect. 6.1. We also investigated the H α line for variability in Sect. 6.2, to try to diagnose the presence of a magnetosphere. Lastly, we examined the possibility of co-rotating surface abundance inhomogeneities by analyzing the zeroth moment of six absorption lines in Sect. 6.3.

6.1. Individual lines

To analyze the LPVs of stellar pulsations in absorption lines, it is preferred to work with deep and unblended absorption lines. This remains valid when investigating the signatures caused by the rotational modulation of surface abundance inhomogeneities. During the analysis of the Zeeman signature in the LSD Stokes V profile, we noted differences between different chemical species. Therefore, we selected absorption lines from various elements. For He, we selected and analyzed the He I 4713.2 Å and the He I 6678.2 Å lines, which are close multiplets of several He lines. In addition, the Mg II 4481.1 Å fulfilled the set criteria. At an effective temperature of 15000 K, there are not many strong and suitable Si lines. Therefore, we opted for the Si II 6347.1 Å, although it is blended with the weaker Mg II 6347.0 Å line. Similarly, we selected the Fe II 4549.5 Å line, which blends with a weak Ti II line. Lastly, we chose the C II 4267.3 Å line, which is actually a multiplet. The spectroscopy employed during the LPV analysis was the individual sub-exposures of the spectropolarimetric sequences. We removed the last two sub-exposures of the observation H25 (see Table 2), since they did not contain any flux due to bad weather. This resulted in a total of 142 spectroscopic observations taken over ~ 1780 days, with large time gaps in between each observing campaign. We show the selected spectroscopic lines in Fig. 7, together with their mean line profile and the standard deviation of all observations of a given absorption line. The latter indicated a different shape for the LPVs for the Fe II and Si II lines compared to the other selected absorption

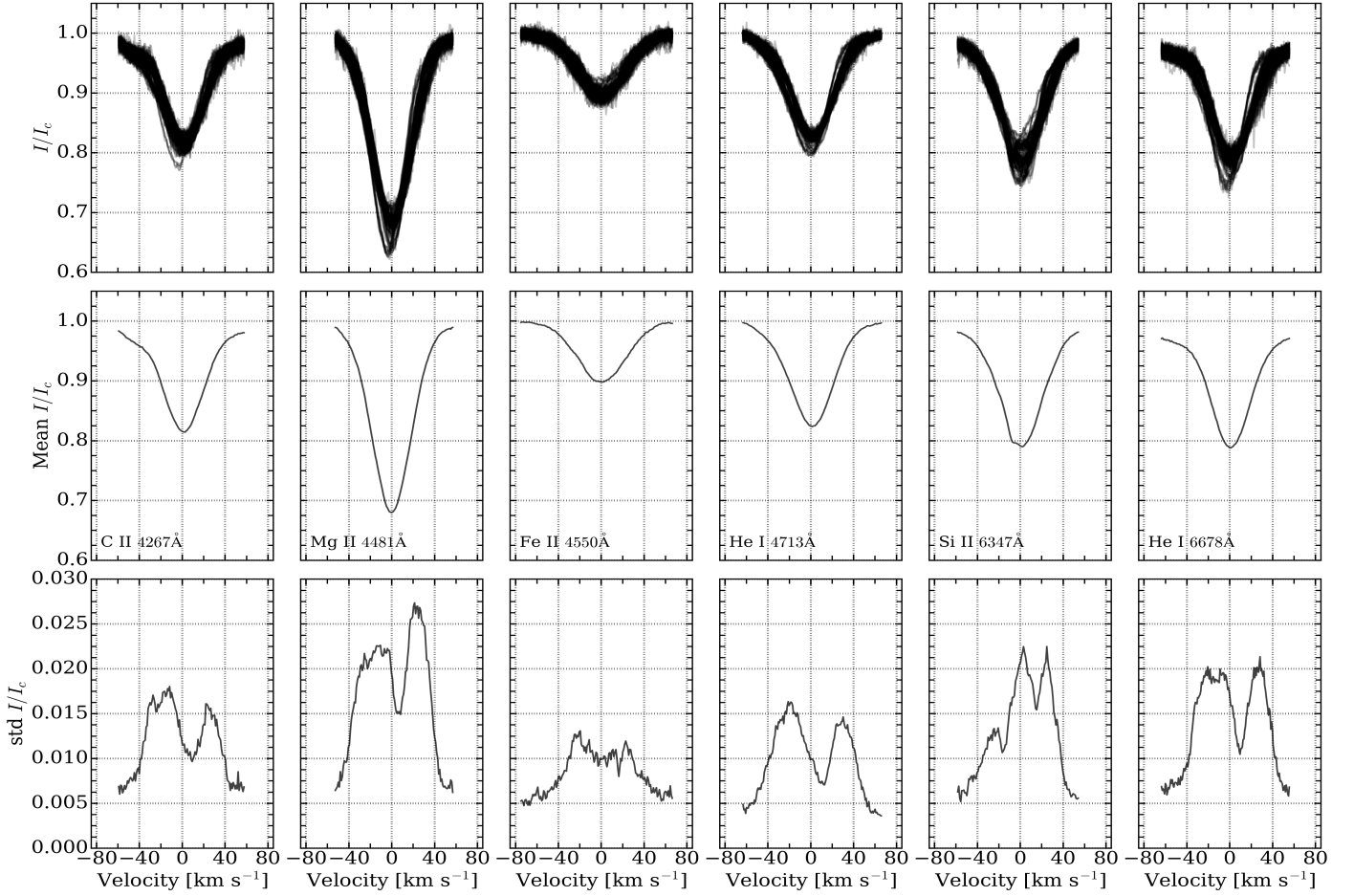


Fig. 7. LPVs for various selected absorption lines. *Top:* all observations of the given line overlayed to illustrate the LPVs. As an additional diagnostic, we indicate the mean profile (*middle*) and standard deviation (std; *bottom*) of all observations. The standard deviation, particularly, shows strong differences when comparing the selected absorption lines.

lines, such as the He I or C II lines. This might indicate a different dominant variability, and hence a different origin or cause for the LPVs. The standard deviation of the selected Mg II line also looked slightly different, yet it seemed to be an intermediate profile between the two studied He I lines.

For each line selected, we set appropriate limits for the calculation of their moments. These limits were set at similar flux levels for a given spectral line, close to the continuum level, unless strong pressure broadening (e.g. He I 6678.2 Å) or asymmetries in the line wings (e.g., C II 4267.3 Å) were noted, resulting in a more narrow range. We determined the zeroth, $\langle v^0 \rangle$, first, $\langle v \rangle$, and second moment, $\langle v^2 \rangle$, (representative of the equivalent width, radial velocity, and skewness, respectively) for each selected line with the software package FAMIAS (Zima 2008). Here we continue the discussion of the coherent periodic variability in the first moment. The zeroth moment is analyzed in Sect. 6.3. From the BRITE photometry and the rotational modulation of the longitudinal magnetic field, two phenomena were already known to cause periodic variability, each with a distinct period. These phenomena are rotation modulation (with $P_{\text{rot}} = 2.95333$ d) and the dominant g-mode pulsation (with $f_3 = 1.1057$ d $^{-1}$). We constructed a model that included the (potential) periodic variability

in the measured line moments:

$$\langle v \rangle(t) = C + \sum_{i=1}^2 A_{\text{rot},i} \sin(2\pi(i f_{\text{rot}} t + \phi_{\text{rot},i})) + A_{\text{puls}} \sin(2\pi(f_{\text{puls}} t + \phi_{\text{puls}})) , \quad (6)$$

where $A_{\text{rot},i}$ and A_{puls} are the amplitudes of the variability, $\phi_{\text{rot},i}$ and ϕ_{puls} their respective phases, and C a constant off-set. We deduced each free parameter with a Bayesian MCMC method. Uniform priors were assumed for all parameters in their appropriate parameter spaces, in particular f_{puls} had to agree with the conservative result of the BRITE photometry (i.e., $f_3 = 1.1057 \pm 0.0070$ d $^{-1}$, where the Rayleigh frequency limit was assumed), and f_{rot} was kept fixed to the value from the magnetometric analysis. The quality of the fit was determined by the loglikelihood function for a (non-weighted) normal distribution:

$$\mathcal{L}(\Theta) = -\frac{1}{2} N \ln(2\pi) - N \ln(\sigma(\langle v \rangle)) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\langle v \rangle(t_i) - \mathcal{M}(\Theta; t_i))^2}{2\sigma(\langle v \rangle)^2} , \quad (7)$$

where $\sigma(\langle v \rangle)$ is the error on all $\langle v \rangle$, of the order of 1 km s $^{-1}$. Again, 128 parameter chains were used during the MCMC fitting, starting from random positions within the uniform priors,

and computations continued until stable solutions were reached. The computed values for the parameters in Eq. (6) and $\mathcal{L}(\Theta)$ are given in Table 5. Furthermore, we phase-folded $\langle v \rangle$ with the determined f_{puls} and with f_{rot} and show these in Fig. 8.

The derived amplitudes indicated that the rotational modulation and the dominant g-mode frequency cause the LPVs noted for the absorption lines. However, the contribution (i.e., the amplitude) of each variability term in $\langle v \rangle$ differed greatly when comparing the different absorption lines. Variability due to the stellar pulsation was dominant for the investigated C II, Mg II, and He I lines, while the LPVs in the Fe II line were due to the rotational modulation. Contributions to the periodic variability of $\langle v \rangle$ for the studied Si II line were almost equal. As such, the occurrence of surface abundance inhomogeneities only occurred for that particular chemical element, while LPVs due to the g-mode were always present. These observed features can also be seen in Fig. 8. Future tomographic analyses, such as ZDI, should indicate the distribution of the surface abundance inhomogeneities more clearly.

We also obtained a value for the pulsation mode frequency f_{puls} from the Bayesian MCMC fit to each first moment of each absorption line. Yet, not all obtained values for the g-mode frequency agreed within the same confidence interval, pointing to heteroscedasticity of the first moment measurements.

6.2. Balmer lines

Magnetic early-type stars can host a magnetosphere in their nearby circumstellar environment. The interactions of wind material with this magnetosphere could, cause rotationally modulated variability in certain spectroscopic lines, with emission features in H α the easiest to identify. For *o* Lup, we did not observe such emission profiles, however, we did note variability in the core of the H α line. We thus repeated the analysis of the line moments, where we restricted their computation to the core of the line, fixing the integration limits where the broad line wing starts.

We performed the same analysis as for the other absorption lines for the cores of the H α line of each complete spectropolarimetric sequence. The Bayesian MCMC fit indicated that we did not detect any rotational modulation in the $\langle v \rangle$ of H α , because the $A_{\text{rot},i}$ all agreed with zero. Therefore, we did not identify variability coming from the (potential) magnetosphere. Similar to the majority of the lines of the previous section, the MCMC fits indicated that the g-mode pulsation frequency is the dominant source for the LPVs. The significantly lower $\mathcal{L}(\Theta)$ for the fit to the core of H α is the result of using only 36 spectropolarimetric sequences compared to the 142 spectroscopic observations.

6.3. Surface abundance inhomogeneities

The equivalent width or zeroth moment can be used as a first approximation to follow the change in the surface abundance of chemical species. This has been employed before to confirm the presence of co-rotating surface abundance inhomogeneities for magnetic stars (e.g., Mathys 1991). We repeated the analysis of Sect. 6.1 by replacing $\langle v \rangle$ by $\langle v^0 \rangle$ in Eq. (6) and performing the Bayesian MCMC fit to the $\langle v^0 \rangle$ measurements. The determined amplitudes and $\mathcal{L}(\Theta)$ are provided in Table 5.

For each fit to the $\langle v^0 \rangle$ measurements of the different absorption lines, we obtained a value for A_{puls} compatible with zero. Moreover, the resulting PDFs for f_{puls} were flat. These results indicated that the g-mode does not cause any significant periodic

variability in the $\langle v^0 \rangle$ measurements. This was expected, as most (non-radial) pulsation modes distort the shape of the line instead of altering the equivalent width. Furthermore, the fit to the measurements from the He I lines and H α suggested that their abundances did not vary with the rotation period. For the remaining four studied lines, some degree of periodic variability with f_{rot} was deduced. We phase fold the $\langle v^0 \rangle$ measurements with f_{rot} and show these in Fig. 9.

The variability of $\langle v^0 \rangle$ of the Fe II line can be described by a second order sine function (see also Table 5), but heavily relies on the scarce measurements between rotation phase 0.20 and 0.35. Moreover, the phase folded $\langle v^0 \rangle$ of the Fe II line seems to be coherent with the phase folded BRITE photometry (see top panels of Fig. 6). The simplest explanation for the LPVs in this Fe line, thus, is the presence of surface abundance inhomogeneities that are located close to the magnetic poles. Such a geometrical configuration agrees with the stronger measured longitudinal magnetic field from LSD profiles with only Fe lines (Fig. 6) and is often encountered for magnetic Ap/Bp stars (an example for the alignment between the large-scale magnetic field and (He) surface abundance inhomogeneities is presented in Oksala et al. 2018).

A different profile was obtained for the rotational modulation of the $\langle v^0 \rangle$ of the Si II line for which only a sinusoid was needed to capture the periodic variability (see Table 5). We recall that the amplitudes of the variability caused by the g-mode frequency and the rotational modulation of $\langle v \rangle$ measurements for this Si II line were comparable. These results indicate that the Si surface abundance inhomogeneities have a different location on the surface of *o* Lup than the Fe surface abundance inhomogeneities. Because of the simple variation of $\langle v^0 \rangle$, we argue that we only observe one surface abundance inhomogeneity close to the magnetic equator.

For the two remaining absorption lines (i.e., C II and Mg II lines), the measured $\langle v^0 \rangle$ followed a profile in between that of the Fe II line and the Si II line, albeit with a smaller amplitude. The measured abundances of these lines are most likely following the changes in the local atmosphere caused by the Si and Fe surface abundance inhomogeneities.

7. Discussion

Comparison between the ESPaDOnS spectroscopy and synthetic spectra did not indicate *o* Lup was an SB2 system, despite the interferometric results (Rizzuto et al. 2013). Either the secondary component is not visible in the spectroscopy, or the RV shifts were too small to detect due to two components of similar spectral type. Therefore, we continue this section under the assumption that only the primary component contributes to the variability and the large-scale magnetic field. We do comment, where applicable, what the implication would be in case of an indistinguishable secondary component in the spectropolarimetric or photometric data.

7.1. Geometry of the magnetic field

The rotational modulation of the measured longitudinal magnetic field favored the model a dipolar magnetic field with a quadrupolar contribution. The strength of the quadrupolar term in the model varied with the employed LSD line mask, but it was typically about 10 % of the strength of the dipolar term (see Table 4).

Assuming a typical stellar radius of $3 - 4 R_{\odot}$ for a B5IV star with $T_{\text{eff}} = 15000$ K (e.g., Fig. 1 of Pápics et al. 2017) and em-

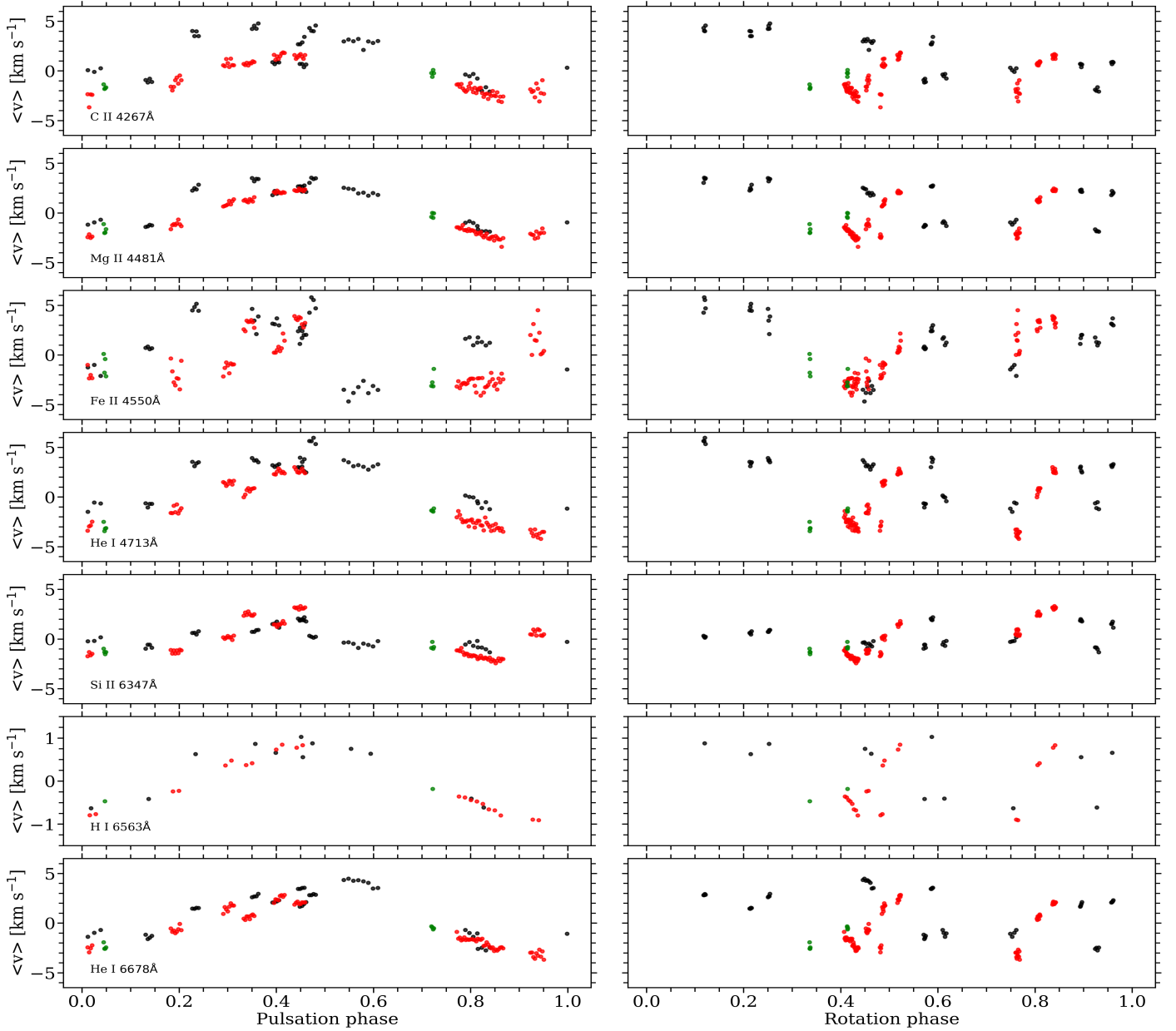


Fig. 8. Phase folded $\langle v \rangle$ for selected absorption lines with the average derived g-mode pulsation frequency ($f_{\text{puls}} = 1.10573 \text{ d}^{-1}$ and $T_0 = \text{HJD } 2455702.0$; see Table 5); *left* and the rotation period from the magnetometric analysis ($P_{\text{rot}} = 2.95333 \text{ d}$ and $T_0 = \text{HJD } 2455702.5$; *right*). The same colours were used to indicate the different observations as in Fig. 6.

employing the measured rotation period of $2.95333(2) \text{ d}^{-1}$ and the literature $v \sin i = 27 \pm 3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (Głęboccki & Gnaniński 2005), we estimated the inclination angle to be $27 \pm 10^\circ$ (corresponding to an equatorial velocity of $v_{\text{eq}} = 60 \pm 9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). These assumptions lead to an obliquity angle $\beta = 74^{+7}_{-9}^\circ$, following the scaling relation of Shore (1987) for a purely dipolar large-scale magnetic field. The quadrupolar contribution needed for the description of the modulated longitudinal magnetic field will only have a minor effect on this estimated value. Moreover, this value does not depend strongly on the LSD line mask used for the measurements of the longitudinal magnetic field.

A conservative lower limit for the polar strength of the large-scale magnetic field (when the geometry is a pure dipole) is 3.5 times the maximal measured longitudinal magnetic field value (Preston 1967). Using the measurements of the LSD profiles from the Balmer lines, we obtained a lower limit of 5.25 kG for

the polar strength of the magnetic field, since these were not influenced by the surface distribution of the chemical elements. This value is typical for magnetic Bp stars.

Detailed modelling of the Zeeman signatures or successful ZDI mapping of the stellar surface is required to verify the values derived from simple assumptions. However, the current spectropolarimetric dataset is not sufficient to do so, because of missing observations at several key rotation phases.

In case the secondary component significantly contributes to the spectropolarimetric data, which was not confirmed at present, we underestimated the strength of the detected large-scale magnetic field, since the total Stokes I profile was used for the normalization of the B_l values. For a 40 % contribution of a secondary, the actual strength of the magnetic field will be underestimated by 40 % or 60 %, depending on which component is hosting the large-scale magnetic field.

Table 5. Values for some of the derived parameters and the loglikelihood for the Bayesian MCMC fits with Eq. (6) to the moments of the studied absorption lines.

line	moment	C [km s ⁻¹]	$A_{\text{rot},1}$ [km s ⁻¹]	$A_{\text{rot},2}$ [km s ⁻¹]	A_{puls} [km s ⁻¹]	f_{puls} [d ⁻¹]	$\mathcal{L}(\Theta)$
C II 4267.3 Å	$\langle v \rangle$	0.7 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.2	1.7 ± 0.2	2.3 ± 0.2	1.10577 ± 0.00002	-159.6
	$\langle v^0 \rangle$	10.2 ± 0.1	0.7 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.2	—	-133.1
Mg II 4481.1 Å	$\langle v \rangle$	0.4 ± 0.1	0.6 ± 0.2	0.8 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 0.2	1.10574 ± 0.00002	-141.4
	$\langle v^0 \rangle$	14.9 ± 0.1	0.4 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.2	—	-133.1
Fe II 4549.5 Å	$\langle v \rangle$	1.7 ± 0.1	2.3 ± 0.2	2.0 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.1	1.10567 ± 0.00003	-207.0
	$\langle v^0 \rangle$	5.8 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.2	0.3 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.2	—	-134.6
He I 4713.2 Å	$\langle v \rangle$	0.9 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.2	2.9 ± 0.2	1.10576 ± 0.00001	-162.3
	$\langle v^0 \rangle$	9.2 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.2	—	-131.8
Si II 6347.1 Å	$\langle v \rangle$	0.1 ± 0.1	1.1 ± 0.2	0.6 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.2	1.10570 ± 0.00002	-140.6
	$\langle v^0 \rangle$	10.8 ± 0.1	1.3 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.2	—	-133.2
H I 6562.2 Å	$\langle v \rangle$	0.1 ± 0.3	0.0 ± 0.4	0.0 ± 0.3	0.8 ± 0.3	1.10575 ± 0.00009	-33.4
	$\langle v^0 \rangle$	68.6 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.4	0.0 ± 0.3	0.0 ± 0.4	—	-34.8
He I 6678.2 Å	$\langle v \rangle$	0.1 ± 0.2	0.6 ± 0.2	0.7 ± 0.2	2.9 ± 0.2	1.10575 ± 0.00003	-159.7
	$\langle v^0 \rangle$	11.8 ± 0.1	0.1 ± 0.3	0.4 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.3	—	-133.4

Notes. Results for the fits to either $\langle v \rangle$ or $\langle v^0 \rangle$ of a given absorption line to determine the amplitude of the periodic variability with f_{rot} and with f_{puls} . The former was kept fixed during the analysis. The amplitudes $A_{\text{rot},i}$ correspond to variability with $i \times f_{\text{rot}}$, the amplitude A_{puls} with the g-mode frequency f_{puls} and C is a constant off-set. No accurate values for f_{puls} were recovered during the fit to $\langle v^0 \rangle$ due to zero A_{puls} and flat PDFs for f_{puls} , demonstrating that the model of Eq. (6) is overfitting these data.

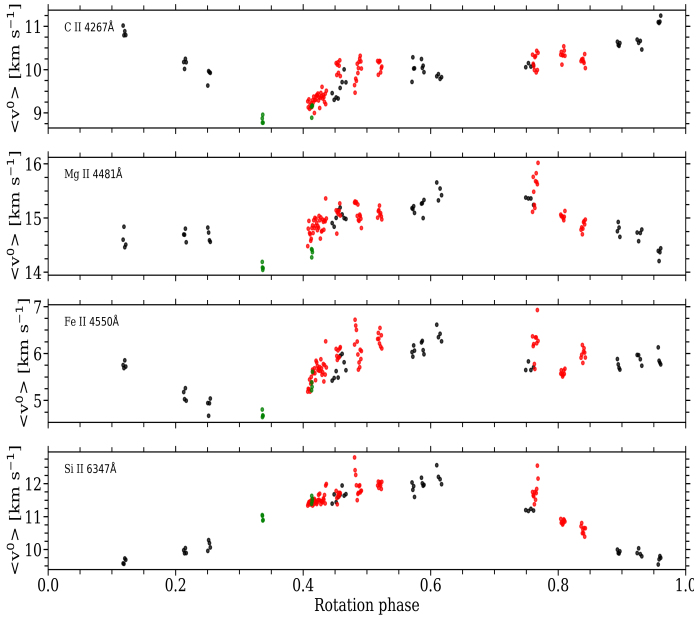


Fig. 9. Phase folded $\langle v^0 \rangle$ for absorption lines, for which non-zero values for $A_{\text{rot},i}$ were derived, with the rotation period ($P_{\text{rot}} = 2.95333$ d and $T_0 = \text{HJD } 2455702.5$). The same colours were used to indicate the different observations as in Fig. 6.

We consider it unlikely that both components of the *o* Lup binary system host a large-scale magnetic field with the published light ratio and the similar values for $v \sin i$. In case both hosted a large-scale magnetic field, the similar light contributions would lead to two overlapping Zeeman signatures in the LSD Stokes V profiles, resembling a highly complex magnetic field geometry. The similar values for the $v \sin i$ (and light ratio) would suggest a similar rotation period, causing the longitudinal magnetic field to vary with two superimposed periods. This would lead to a strong beating effect. None of the above was observed (see Figs. 4 and

6). Only if both stars would rotate with exactly the same period could they pollute the observations unnoticed, and perhaps result in the necessity of the high-order fit to the measured B_l values. However, the synchronization time scale of a binary system with an orbital period of at least 20 years is sufficiently long to exclude this possibility.

7.2. Discrepancies in the measured magnetic field strength

Strong differences in the strength of the measured longitudinal magnetic field from different chemical elements are not often noted for magnetic early-type stars. They are, however, observed here. Surface abundance inhomogeneities are likely the cause of these differences. We support this hypothesis with the analysis of the LPVs, since the chemical species having a stronger longitudinal magnetic field are also the same species that indicated the rotation frequency as the dominant variability for the first moment (i.e., Fe II). Moreover, the zeroth moment of some studied absorption lines suggested that the measured equivalent width changes with the rotation phase, implying a non-uniform surface distribution for these chemical elements. A similar conclusion was obtained by Yakunin et al. (2015) for the magnetic helium-strong B2V star HD 184927. The larger measured B_l values for LSD profiles with just Fe II lines would indicate that their surface abundance inhomogeneities are located close to the magnetic pole, while the weaker fields retrieved from the He I would locate their respective surface abundance inhomogeneities close to the magnetic equator. In addition, the weaker longitudinal magnetic field measurements for the He I lines could also be related to a contribution in the LSD Stokes I profile coming from the secondary of the *o* Lup system, which is suggested to have a similar spectral type.

We do not anticipate that the stellar pulsation is causing these severe differences in the measured longitudinal magnetic field strength. It would rather produce additional systematic offsets out of phase with the rotation period, as the pulsation frequency is not a harmonic of the rotation frequency. For the secondary

component to cause these differences, it must have a different spectral type, leading to different contributions to spectral lines of different chemical species. This is in contradiction to the binary fitting process, that suggested a similar spectral type for both components. Also, the interferometric results indicated a relatively similar spectral type for the secondary and a mass ratio of 0.91 (Rizzuto et al. 2013).

7.3. Magnetosphere

The detected large-scale magnetic field for the primary component of *o* Lup is sufficiently strong to create a magnetosphere. However, the star is not sufficiently massive to have a considerable mass-loss rate, producing only a limited amount of wind material to fill the magnetosphere. Therefore, no observational evidence of the magnetosphere is anticipated. Indeed, no rotational modulation, nor emission features were noted for the Balmer lines. No X-ray observations are available for *o* Lup to diagnose the interactions between wind material coming from both magnetic hemispheres.

Petit et al. (2013) determined the star may host a centrifugal magnetosphere, using the magnetic properties derived by Alecian et al. (2011). Repeating these computations for a $4.7 M_{\odot}$ star with a $3.5 R_{\odot}$ radius, the updated $P_{\text{rot}} = 2.9533$ d, and a polar magnetic field strength of 5.25 kG (and assuming a mass-loss rate described by Vink et al. (2001)), we obtained $R_K = 4.2 R_{\star}$ and $R_A = 26.5 R_{\star}$ (and a mass-loss rate $\log \dot{M} = -10.42$ dex with \dot{M} given in $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$). This confirms the results of Petit et al. (2013) that the magnetic component of *o* Lup hosts a centrifugal magnetosphere. Yet, as previously indicated, the mass-loss rate is too low, particularly compared to the extend of the magnetosphere ($R_A \gg R_K$), to produce observational evidence of magnetospheric material. In addition, the binary orbit of *o* Lup is too wide to cause effects in the circumstellar material of the magnetic component.

7.4. Stellar pulsations

The BRITE photometry indicated that two frequencies, namely $f_3 = 1.1057 \text{ d}^{-1}$ and $f_6 = 1.2985 \text{ d}^{-1}$, were not explained as a frequency harmonic of the rotation frequency or as instrumental variability due to the spacecraft. Furthermore, we recovered f_3 as the dominant periodicity in the first moment of the C II 4267.3 Å, Mg II 4481.1 Å, He I 4713.2 Å, and the He I 6678.2 Å lines, as well as from the core of H α . The frequency value and the stellar parameters of the primary suggest that this frequency is a g mode. The majority of stars exhibiting such pulsation modes show a rich frequency spectrum, with sectoral dipole modes that are quasi-constantly spaced in the period domain (e.g., Pápics et al. 2014, 2017; Kallinger et al. 2017). We only find two pulsation mode frequencies due to the limited BRITE and ground-based data sets compared to the *Kepler* capacity in terms of aliasing.

The standard deviation of the lines (see Fig. 7) can serve as a proxy for the amplitude distribution from the pixel-by-pixel method (e.g., Gies & Kullavanijaya 1988; Telting & Schrijvers 1997; Zima 2006) in case one dominant periodicity causes the LPVs. As such, the shape of these distributions for the absorption lines that were dominantly variable with f_3 suggested a low-degree mode (likely a dipole mode). Yet, detailed mode identification with FAMIAS did not produce conclusive results on the mode geometry. Furthermore, the frequency $f_6 = 1.2985 \text{ d}^{-1}$ was also within the appropriate frequency domain for g-mode

pulsations. In the absence of the secondary in the spectroscopy, we assumed that the g-mode pulsations originate from the magnetic component, as the majority of the LPVs were explained by f_3 . However, if the secondary contributed to the total flux, the periodic variability with f_3 or f_6 could be produced by the companion since its anticipated similar spectral type would place it within the SPB instability strip as well.

Without at least several detected pulsation modes, the magnetic and pulsating component of *o* Lup is not a suitable candidate for magneto-asteroseismology, and so does not provide the opportunity to investigate the influence of the large-scale magnetic field on the structure and evolution of the stellar interior.

8. Summary and conclusions

We combined HARPSpol and ESPaDOnS spectropolarimetry to study and characterize the large-scale magnetic field of *o* Lup. Using the variability of the measured longitudinal magnetic field, we determined the rotation period to be $P_{\text{rot}} = 2.95333(2)$ d, which agrees with earlier estimates that the rotation period would be of the order of a few days (Alecian et al. 2011). We assumed that the primary component of the *o* Lup system hosts the large-scale magnetic field, given the lack of firm detection of a secondary component in the spectroscopy.

Comparing the strength of the measured B_l for various chemical elements, we noted large differences, indicative of chemical peculiarity and abundance structures at the stellar surface. The largest values were obtained for Fe, while the smallest values were derived from He I lines. This suggests that Fe surface abundance inhomogeneities are located closer to the magnetic poles, while those for He are present near the magnetic equator. Yet, we cannot fully exclude a possible contamination by the secondary component of *o* Lup in the LSD Stokes I profiles. ZDI is needed to verify the locations of the suggested surface abundance inhomogeneities. Yet, this is not feasible with the current spectropolarimetric dataset, as we are lacking observations at several necessary rotational phases.

Fitting models to the rotational variability of the measured B_l values favors a description of a dipolar magnetic field with a quadrupolar contribution. This remains valid for the LSD profiles constructed with all metal lines, averaging out the effects of the surface abundance inhomogeneities, as well as for the LSD profiles from the Balmer lines. Typically, the strength of the quadrupolar contribution is about 10 % of that of the dipolar contribution. Using simple approximations, we estimated the inclination angle of the magnetic component of *o* Lup to be $i = 27 \pm 10^\circ$, which then leads to an obliquity angle $\beta = 74^{+7}_{-9}^\circ$. A conservative lower limit on the polar strength of the large-scale magnetic field, measured from the LSD profiles of the Balmer lines, would be 5.25 kG.

The BRITE photometry for *o* Lup shows up to six significant frequencies, indicating periodic photometric variability. Three of these frequencies (f_1 , f_2 , and f_3) correspond to the rotation frequency, and its second and third frequency harmonic. One frequency (f_4) is confirmed to be of instrumental origin, due to periodic variability of the satellite on-board temperature that was not perfectly accounted for during the correction process. The remaining two frequencies (f_3 and f_6) fall in the frequency domain of SPB pulsations. In case f_3 and f_6 originate from the magnetic component, *o* Lup A would be classified as a magnetic pulsating early-type star. However, the few detected pulsation mode frequencies are not sufficient for detailed magneto-asteroseismic modelling.

Investigating selected absorption lines in the individual sub-exposures of the spectropolarimetric sequences indicates the presence of LPVs. The first moment of these absorption lines almost always indicate f_3 as the dominant frequency, except for the Fe II line where f_{rot} was the dominant frequency. This is, again, suggestive of surface abundance inhomogeneities for Fe. Moreover, the equivalent width of the studied Fe II and Si II lines did change significantly with the rotation phase, demonstrating non-uniform surface abundances for these chemical species. The shape of the LPVs for the other selected absorption lines, where f_3 was dominant, agreed with a low-order pulsation mode, confirming that f_3 is a pulsation mode frequency.

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Appendix A: Additional tables

Table A.1. Overview of the measured longitudinal magnetic field values.

HJD [d] -2450000	ϕ_{rot}	B_l [G] complete	B_l [G] He excluded	B_l [G] Balmer	B_l [G] Fe II	B_l [G] Si II	B_l [G] He I
5704.72965	0.754961	400 \pm 26	976 \pm 41	618 \pm 142	2038 \pm 111	752 \pm 79	66 \pm 42
5708.75948	0.119465	-199 \pm 26	-478 \pm 43	-262 \pm 138	-1179 \pm 128	-140 \pm 102	-47 \pm 41
5709.73559	0.449976	940 \pm 27	2243 \pm 45	1239 \pm 143	4770 \pm 133	1904 \pm 83	132 \pm 43
5709.77216	0.462360	908 \pm 32	2213 \pm 51	1177 \pm 165	4607 \pm 147	1707 \pm 97	66 \pm 53
6123.56357	0.572476	840 \pm 22	1976 \pm 35	1446 \pm 127	4285 \pm 106	1617 \pm 65	103 \pm 39
6124.70439	0.958758	-133 \pm 26	-270 \pm 43	-408 \pm 138	-674 \pm 129	-167 \pm 103	-53 \pm 42
6125.45930	0.214371	99 \pm 29	204 \pm 50	513 \pm 155	56 \pm 158	385 \pm 105	-13 \pm 44
6125.57061	0.252060	206 \pm 32	524 \pm 56	570 \pm 170	1167 \pm 173	592 \pm 115	1 \pm 48
6126.56054	0.587252	837 \pm 22	1967 \pm 36	1327 \pm 125	4260 \pm 108	1649 \pm 68	118 \pm 37
6127.46812	0.894560	20 \pm 23	93 \pm 38	-201 \pm 123	268 \pm 113	-74 \pm 81	-29 \pm 37
6129.59043	0.613176	810 \pm 31	1896 \pm 47	1227 \pm 171	3881 \pm 133	1567 \pm 86	92 \pm 53
6130.51806	0.927273	-34 \pm 22	-91 \pm 34	-329 \pm 114	-206 \pm 100	-104 \pm 76	3 \pm 36
6758.06034	0.413611	844 \pm 31	1986 \pm 51	1165 \pm 137	4354 \pm 156	1571 \pm 85	106 \pm 50
6819.85180	0.336251	559 \pm 23	1443 \pm 40	967 \pm 98	3230 \pm 130	1158 \pm 67	-2 \pm 36
7481.61063	0.408343	834 \pm 26	1948 \pm 42	1275 \pm 139	4148 \pm 125	1642 \pm 80	101 \pm 43
7481.62175	0.412107	820 \pm 25	1981 \pm 41	1343 \pm 136	4242 \pm 122	1658 \pm 77	53 \pm 42
7481.63287	0.415871	835 \pm 25	2018 \pm 42	1327 \pm 137	4391 \pm 124	1609 \pm 78	59 \pm 42
7481.64398	0.419634	845 \pm 25	2011 \pm 41	1249 \pm 133	4234 \pm 119	1621 \pm 76	65 \pm 42
7481.65509	0.423396	876 \pm 26	2043 \pm 43	1399 \pm 141	4228 \pm 123	1684 \pm 81	132 \pm 44
7481.66620	0.427159	878 \pm 27	2102 \pm 43	1252 \pm 145	4276 \pm 124	1733 \pm 81	78 \pm 45
7481.67731	0.430921	860 \pm 28	2109 \pm 46	1225 \pm 154	4440 \pm 134	1716 \pm 86	62 \pm 47
7481.68842	0.434684	856 \pm 34	2037 \pm 54	1393 \pm 183	4330 \pm 157	1604 \pm 101	112 \pm 56
7481.82751	0.481777	952 \pm 47	2201 \pm 71	1238 \pm 262	4835 \pm 200	1805 \pm 136	112 \pm 82
7481.83862	0.485539	861 \pm 72	2088 \pm 109	1526 \pm 396	5059 \pm 335	1639 \pm 209	24 \pm 127
7482.65216	0.761005	434 \pm 39	910 \pm 62	611 \pm 219	1989 \pm 172	758 \pm 124	96 \pm 66
7482.66327	0.764767	401 \pm 46	862 \pm 73	758 \pm 253	1932 \pm 206	777 \pm 146	91 \pm 77
7484.69562	0.452922	842 \pm 37	2083 \pm 61	1535 \pm 207	4765 \pm 177	1747 \pm 121	63 \pm 62
7484.70673	0.456684	815 \pm 35	2039 \pm 58	1257 \pm 201	4444 \pm 167	1652 \pm 115	76 \pm 58
7484.79338	0.486023	884 \pm 28	2145 \pm 46	1267 \pm 146	4486 \pm 130	1893 \pm 91	67 \pm 47
7484.80449	0.489786	884 \pm 29	2147 \pm 47	1309 \pm 159	4576 \pm 133	1842 \pm 93	97 \pm 48
7484.88788	0.518020	956 \pm 27	2179 \pm 44	1392 \pm 156	4677 \pm 125	1876 \pm 86	165 \pm 47
7484.89899	0.521782	935 \pm 27	2204 \pm 43	1481 \pm 157	4676 \pm 123	1830 \pm 84	62 \pm 47
7485.73598	0.805188	264 \pm 20	649 \pm 34	164 \pm 107	1174 \pm 92	382 \pm 72	30 \pm 32
7485.74709	0.808952	254 \pm 20	610 \pm 33	212 \pm 107	1128 \pm 91	371 \pm 71	25 \pm 33
7485.83035	0.837143	175 \pm 22	431 \pm 35	222 \pm 113	744 \pm 93	194 \pm 78	18 \pm 36
7485.84146	0.840905	201 \pm 23	472 \pm 37	126 \pm 120	875 \pm 98	339 \pm 83	14 \pm 38

Notes. For each observation, the HJD at mid-exposure, the corresponding rotation phase, ϕ_{rot} , calculated using $P_{\text{rot}} = 2.95333$ d and $T_0 =$ HJD 2455702.5, and the measured longitudinal magnetic field B_l for various LSD line masks are indicated.